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1 **[NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,**

2 **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2003, ON PAGE 164.**

3 There is no reportable action from today's closed session.]

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE BY
6 PASTOR GARY DART, OF THE PANORAMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
7 PANORAMA CITY IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE WILL BE BY
8 HENRY L. DAVIS, SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, WILLIAM LAVELL POST
9 NUMBER 9793 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM
10 THE SECOND DISTRICT.

11

12 **PASTOR GARY DART:** ALMIGHTY GOD, WE ARE YOUR PEOPLE OF MANY
13 COLORS AND FAITHS, LIVING TOGETHER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE
14 COME TO LIVE IN THIS DIVERSE COMMUNITY SEEKING YOUR MANY
15 BLESSINGS AND WE ASK THAT YOU GIVE YOUR PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY A MINIMUM OF PEACE, SAFETY, JUSTICE, A ROOF OVER THEIR
17 HEAD, FOOD TO EAT, EMPLOYMENT, HEALTHCARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES
18 TO BE EDUCATED. THIS WE REALIZE IS AN IMMENSE REQUEST DURING
19 THESE TIMES OF BUDGETARY TRIAGE, BUT WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL
20 LEAD US IN MAKING DECISIONS THAT ARE WISE AND COMPASSIONATE.
21 HELP US TO OVERCOME THE TEMPTATION TO BE SELF-SERVING AND
22 SUPPORT US WITH OUR OVERWHELMING BURDENS OF LEADERSHIP. UNITE
23 US IN OUR EFFORTS AS CITIZENS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO DO YOUR
24 WAY AND WILL SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL



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1 STAND IN JOYOUS LIGHT OF YOUR TRUTH, YOUR JUSTICE, AND YOUR
2 LOVE. AMEN.

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4 **HENRY L. DAVIS:** WOULD EVERYONE FACE THE FLAG, PLEASE. BEGIN. [
5 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, REVEREND, JOIN ME FOR A SECOND
10 HERE. WE WERE LED IN THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY PASTOR
11 GARY R. DART, WHO SERVES AS PASTOR OF THE PANORAMA
12 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN PANORAMA CITY. REVEREND DART RECEIVED
13 HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE FROM THE THE COLLEGE OF IDAHO AND
14 HIS MASTERS OF DIVINITY FROM SAN FRANCISCO THEOLOGICAL
15 SEMINARY. HE'S MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. HE SERVES THE
16 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND THE PANORAMA CITY AREA VERY WELL AND
17 WE THANK YOU FOR THAT VERY INSPIRING INVOCATION THIS MORNING.

18

19 **PASTOR GARY DART:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HENRY L. DAVIS IS FROM CARSON. HE IS --
22 BELONGS TO THE WILLIAM LAVELL POST NUMBER 9793 VETERANS OF
23 FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES. HE'S A SENIOR VICE
24 COMMANDER. HE WAS IN THE MILITARY FROM '51 TO '54, A CORPORAL
25 IN THE MARINES, AND KOREA, SERVING IN KOREA, HE RECEIVED THE



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1 PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION, U.S. MARINE CORPS GOOD CONDUCT
2 MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL
3 WITH TWO STARS, UNITED NATIONS SERVICE STARS. HE'S RETIRED
4 FROM THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER. HE'S LIVED
5 IN THE DISTRICT FOR 48 YEARS AND HE ATTENDED LOS ANGELES TRADE
6 TECH. HE'S MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW CALL THE AGENDA.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
11 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 5. WE'LL HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING
12 ITEM UNTIL AFTER THE PRESENTATIONS, AND WE'LL START WITH
13 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 2 THROUGH
14 9. ON ITEM NUMBER 4, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL
15 AGENDA SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THE ITEM BE REFERRED
16 BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION ITEM 4 WILL BE REFERRED
19 BACK TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY
24 ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEM 10. FOR THE
2 RECORD, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTES "NO" ON THIS ITEM.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ON ITEM NUMBER 11,
8 HOLD FOR JAMES SOKALSKI AND CARLA ANDRUS.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. 11 WILL BE HELD.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM
13 12.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEM 13, HOLD FOR
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND OTHERS. ORDINANCE
20 FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 14.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
2 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
3 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
4 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
5 ITEM 15-A.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 15-B, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS
11 A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 15-C, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR
16 YAROSLAVSKY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'LL BE HELD.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 15-D.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24

25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 15-E.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 15-F, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR
6 YAROSLAVSKY.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM WILL BE HELD.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALL RIGHT. AND ON PAGE 4, WE HAVE THE
11 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
12 COMMISSION. ITEM 1-D.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
18 AGENDA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGAN WITH
19 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, WHILE THAT'S COMING, MR.
22 ANTONOVICH, WOULD YOU HAVE AN OBJECTION TO ON 15-C TO CONTINUE
23 IT ONE WEEK? SO WE HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THE REPORT? WE
24 JUST GOT IT.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION. WE'RE HAVING THE,
2 YOU KNOW, THE STATE IS HOLDING THEIR HEARING HERE ON FRIDAY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS FRIDAY?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, IN OUR BOARD ROOM. SENATOR ORTIZ WILL
7 BE CONDUCTING A HEARING AND I BELIEVE MR. BIBBINS WILL ALSO BE
8 TESTIFYING, WHO IS THE WATER PURVEYOR WHO DRAFTED THE REPORT
9 RELATIVE TO THE WATER IMPURITIES IN THE GLENDALE/BURBANK AREA.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY ONLY CONCERN IS WE GOT THIS REPORT LAST
12 NIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. I KNOW.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IT'S A DRAFT REPORT, IT'S NOT EVEN A --

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT, SURE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, THEN I WOULD ASK ONE WEEK ON
21 THAT. THANKS. MADAM CHAIR? MADAM CHAIR? ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE
22 ON 15-C? THANKS.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON 15-C, BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY
2 PLEASURE AND HONOR TO CALL FORWARD OCEAN LIFEGUARD
3 SPECIALISTS, TOM SETH, CHRIS FROHOFF, AND EUGENE ATANASIO.
4 THEY PERFORMED AN EXTRAORDINARY RESCUE IN SOME VERY
5 TREACHEROUS CONDITIONS. TWO SURFERS WERE CAUGHT IN A RIP
6 CURRENT DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO THE 45TH STREET ROCKS IN
7 MANHATTAN BEACH DURING SOME STORMY CONDITIONS. DURING THE
8 RESCUE, OCEAN LIFEGUARD SPECIALIST, SETH, WAS ACTUALLY THROWN
9 AGAINST THE ROCK WITH HIS VICTIM BY A WAVE OF APPROXIMATELY 18
10 FEET IN HEIGHT. MR. SETH NEVER LOST CONTACT WITH HIS VICTIM
11 AND WAS ABLE TO USE HIS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF OCEAN
12 CONDITIONS TO CARRY THE VICTIM AWAY FROM THE ROCKS AND OUT OF
13 DANGER. OCEAN LIFEGUARDS FROHOFF AND ATANASIO BATTLED 10-FOOT
14 SETS AND A POWERFUL NORTHERLY CURRENT TO RESCUE THE SECOND
15 EXHAUSTED VICTIM WHO HAD BEEN CARRIED OVER 250 YARDS OFFSHORE
16 BY A TREMENDOUS RIP CURRENT. BOTH VICTIMS WERE EVENTUALLY
17 BROUGHT BACK TO SHORE, EXHAUSTED AND FRIGHTENED, AND
18 THANKFULLY DUE TO THEIR EFFORTS, BOTH WENT HOME SAFELY WITH
19 LITTLE OR NO INJURY, SO IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO COMMEND THESE
20 LIFEGUARDS FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM AND SKILL IN THE
21 PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY, AND OBVIOUSLY THESE GENTLEMEN
22 EXEMPLIFY THE SPIRIT AND CHARACTER OF ALL OUR LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY OCEAN LIFEGUARDS, AND AS WE CONTINUE TO SAY AROUND
24 HERE, THE BEST LIFEGUARDS IN THE WORLD, AND THEY DO THIS EACH
25 AND EVERY DAY AND THIS WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT, AND SO WE



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1 WANTED TO TAKE THE TIME TO RECOGNIZE THEM AND THANK THEM ON
2 BEHALF OF THOSE WHO ARE RESCUED, BUT ALL THE CITIZENS OF LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **FIRE CHIEF FREEMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S REALLY AN HONOR
6 TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL THE LIFEGUARDS AND ON THEIR BEHALF,
7 I WANT TO THANK YOUR HONORABLE BOARD FOR TAKING THIS TIME TO
8 RECOGNIZE THEIR ACTIONS. THEY MAKE OVER 5,000 RESCUES A YEAR
9 AND THIS IS CERTAINLY AN IMPORTANT RESCUE TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR
10 THIS MORNING. AGAIN, THESE LIFEGUARDS MAKE BEACH SAFETY THE
11 UTMOST IN THEIR PRIORITIES OUT THERE ON THE BEACH SO THAT MORE
12 THAN 60,000 -- 60 MILLION BEACH GOERS HERE IN LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY CAN DO SO SAFELY. SO ON BEHALF OF THE LIFEGUARD
14 DIVISION AND CERTAINLY THE THREE RECOGNIZED THIS MORNING, WE
15 EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO YOUR BOARD FOR THIS RECOGNITION
16 THIS MORNING. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD THE HONORABLE BOB
19 HUFF, MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIAMOND BAR.
20 AND I DON'T KNOW IF TOM MULLAND MADE IT YET OR NOT, FROM
21 FOOTHILL TRANSIT AND LETICIA PERSELIOUS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
22 FIRE. THIS MORNING, WE'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO FOOT HILL
23 TRANSIT FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNICATING THE IMPORTANT
24 MESSAGES OF THE SAFE SURRENDER PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO
25 HELP BRING AN END TO NEWBORN ABANDONMENT. AS YOU KNOW, THIS



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1 COUNTY STEPPED OUT AHEAD OF THAT LAW AND THEY'RE WORKING WITH
2 OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OUR HOSPITALS, TO PUT THAT MESSAGE
3 OUT. SO HERE WITH US IS BOB HUFF, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF
4 FOOT- HILL TRANSIT, AND TOM MULLAND, THE PUBLIC INFORMATION
5 OFFICER. BUT WHAT WE WANT YOU TO KNOW, AND WHAT WE'RE THANKING
6 FOOT HILL TRANSIT FOR, IS THEY'VE DONATED ADVERTISING SPACE ON
7 THEIR BUSES. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE EXACT AD THAT'LL BE ON
8 EACH AND EVERY FOOT HILL BUS, AND WE'RE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR
9 THAT. SO BOB THANK YOU, IF YOU'LL SEND IT BACK TO THE FOLKS AT
10 FOOTHILL, WE'D APPRECIATE IT. WE HAVE A PLAQUE COMMEMORATING
11 THAT AS WELL. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **BOB HUFF:** WE AT FOOTHILL BELIEVE OPERATION SAFE HAVEN HAS BEEN
14 SUCH A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE BABIES, TO SAVE LIVES, THAT
15 IT'S OUR PRIVILEGE TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE
16 THAT THE MORE PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THESE, THE MORE LIVES WE CAN
17 SAVE. AND WE THANK THE SUPERVISOR AND THE BOARD FOR PUTTING
18 THIS PROGRAM IN AND THANKS AGAIN FOR LETTING US BE A PART OF
19 THAT SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** NOW IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO CALL FORWARD THE
22 -- MONTGOMERY C.I.F. DIVISION 3 STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
23 TEAM, COACH KIM WILLOWMAN AND ASSISTANT COACHES KERRY RAY AND
24 CELESTE ADAMS. THE LADY KNIGHTS ARE BACK BEFORE THIS BOARD
25 AFTER THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WINNING THE STATE VOLLEYBALL



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1 CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION 3 TITLE FOR THE THIRD TIME IN FIVE
2 YEARS. OUR TORRANCE AREA TEAM DEFEATED PRESENTATION HIGH
3 SCHOOL OF SAN JOSE IN THE C.I.F. DIVISION 3 FINAL HELD AT
4 CYPRESS COLLEGE. THE TEAM POSTED A 29-8 WINNING SEASON RECORD.
5 IT ALSO GIVES ME A GREAT PLEASURE TO CONGRATULATE COACH
6 WILLOWMAN FOR BEING NAMED THE 2002 DAILY BREEZE COACH OF THE
7 YEAR AND NOELLE QUINN, WHO WAS ALSO NAMED BY THE DAILY BREEZE
8 AS PLAYER OF THE YEAR IN THE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL. NOELLE WAS A
9 DIVISION THREE PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR THE SOUTHERN SECTION,
10 ALL STATE SELECTION AND ALL SIERRA LEAGUE FIRST TIME CHOICE.
11 OH ZEV, I WANT YOU TO PAY ATTENTION TO THIS. SHE'S HEADED TO
12 U.C.L.A. TO PLAY BASKETBALL THIS COMING FALL AND IS TO BE
13 CONGRATULATED ON A GREAT SEASON WITH 437 KILLS, 92 DIGS, 458
14 BLOCKS, AND 308 TOUCH BLOCKS. SO THAT MUST BE GOOD. [LIGHT
15 LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY GAVE ME MY OWN VOLLEYBALL SO I COULD HAVE ONE
18 TOUCH. BUT ANYWAY, ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES, IT'S MY
19 PLEASURE. WE PRESENTED THE YOUNG LADIES INDIVIDUALLY SCROLLS
20 UPSTAIRS, AND WE'RE GOING TO DO A TEAM THING, BUT I'D LIKE
21 COACH WILLOWMAN AND NOELLE TO COME FORWARD, WE HAVE INDIVIDUAL
22 CERTIFICATES AND RECOGNITION OF THEIR PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND
23 COACH OF THE YEAR.

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1 **COACH WILLOWMAN:** ABSOLUTELY. I'VE NEVER BEEN AT A LOSS FOR
2 WORDS. I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL OF YOU
3 FOR GIVING OUR GIRLS THE HONOR OF COMING TO THE COUNTY FOR
4 THIS AWARD. I KNOW THAT THIS IS AN EXTREMELY TALENTED GROUP OF
5 YOUNG LADIES, BUT THEY WORK EXTREMELY HARD FROM JUNE UNTIL
6 DECEMBER THIS YEAR, SO IT'S QUITE AN HONOR TO BE HERE. MOST OF
7 THESE GIRLS WILL BE LEAVING ME, WITH SEVEN SENIORS, AND THE
8 OTHER GIRLS ARE READY TO COME BACK IN FOR NEXT YEAR AND PLAY
9 HARD, BUT AGAIN, WE'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE HERE FOR THIS
10 EXTRAORDINARY HONOR OF BEING HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [
11 APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. AND I THINK, TO ADD JUST ONE THING TO
14 THE YOUNG LADIES' CREDIT AS WELL AS THE COACH AND THE SCHOOLS,
15 AND MOST OF THE SENIORS THAT I TALKED TO UPSTAIRS ARE HEADED
16 FOR VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT THIS GREAT COUNTRY AND
17 HOPEFULLY THEY'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THEIR VOLLEYBALL CAREER,
18 BUT AS WE HEARD, U.C.L.A., LONG BEACH STATE, ANCHORAGE, NEW
19 ORLEANS, DENVER, U.C. DAVIS, ALL OVER, SO THAT'S NOT ONLY A
20 CREDIT TO THEIR GREAT ATHLETIC ABILITY, BUT AS WELL AS THEIR
21 ACADEMIC ABILITY AS WELL, SO CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE] [
22 MIXED VOICES]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I ALSO HAVE JUST A QUICK INTRODUCTION HERE. A
25 GOOD FRIEND OF OUR FAMILY AND AN INCREDIBLE YOUNG MAN, AND HE



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1 WANTS TO BE SUPERVISOR SOME DAY, AND THAT'S MR. BRETT
2 VANDERPOOL, BRETT WAVE TO EVERYBODY, TELL THEM YOU'RE HERE
3 TODAY, YEAH AND MAKE HIM EMBARRASS HIMSELF. [APPLAUSE].

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** ANYWAY. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, LET ME WELCOME, WE HAVE A DELEGATION
10 HERE FROM INDIA WHO IS -- I SHOULD SAY INDONESIA, VANDONG,
11 INDONESIA, THEY ARE PART OF A PROGRAM WITH THE CITY OF SANTA
12 CLARITA. THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, JILL FOSSILMAN, IS HERE.
13 WITH THEM WE HAVE THE MAYOR, MAYOR OSBAR SALBARN COSSIM, WHO
14 IS THE MAYOR OF BU PUTAY COUNTY OF BANDONG, ALONG WITH THE
15 PARLIAMENT CHAIRMAN FOR THE COUNTY, THE HONORABLE YADISIRI
16 MUYAD ADI, THE HEAD OF THEIR PLANNING AGENCY, MR. ABUBA CARR,
17 AND THEIR PLANNING AGENCY STAFF, DIRECTOR MR. KAKARA AMI YANA,
18 WHO IS HERE, ALONG WITH THEIR INDONESIAN INTERPRETER, MISS
19 PURPRI SIPP. SO, MR. MAYOR, WELCOME TO THE COUNTY OF LOS
20 ANGELES. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY'RE HERE ON A PROGRAM. THIS IS THE
23 SECOND VISIT TO SANTA CLARITA AS PART OF A PROGRAM THROUGH THE
24 INTERNATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION CALLED
25 RESOURCE CITIES. AND THE PURPOSE IS TO CONTINUE THEIR PLANNING



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1 EFFORTS WITH THEM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TOWN WITHIN THE
2 COUNTY OF BANDONG, INDONESIA, AND AS THEY CAN SEE THE
3 STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT HERE WITH THE COUNTY, WHERE WE HAVE 88
4 CITIES, 137 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES WITH 10 MILLION
5 CITIZENS WHO GOVERN THIS LARGE ENTITY OF 4,000-PLUS SQUARE
6 MILES, WHICH IS LARGER THAN 42 OF OUR STATES IN THE UNITED
7 STATES IN POPULATION. SO, MR. MAYOR, WE WELCOME YOU.

8

9 **MAYOR OSBAR SALBARNA COSSIM:** [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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11 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** GOOD MORNING TO RESPECTIVE
12 SUPERVISORS AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF -- AND PEOPLE OF LOS
13 ANGELES.

14

15 **MAYOR OSBAR SALBARNA COSSIM:** [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

16

17 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** IT IS AN HONOR FOR US TO BE HERE TO
18 OBSERVE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCESS AND MECHANISM AND, LIKE
19 AS MENTIONED BEFORE, THAT THIS IS OUR SECOND VISIT IN THIS
20 EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN SANTA CLARITA AND OUR AGENCY OF
21 BANDONG.

22

23 **MAYOR OSBAR SALBARNA COSSIM:** [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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1 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO INTRODUCE MY
2 REGENCY. MY REGENCY IS ONE OF THE 360 REGENCIES IN THE PUBLIC
3 OF INDONESIA.

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5 **MAYOR OSBAR SALBARNA COSSIM:** [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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7 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** OUR COUNTRY HAS THOUSANDS AND
8 THOUSANDS OF ISLANDS.

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10 **MAYOR OSBAR SALBARNA COSSIM:** [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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12 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** THE NATIONAL POPULATION IS MORE THAN
13 210 MILLION, WITH HUNDREDS OF ETHNIC GROUPS.

14

15 **MAYOR OSBAR SALBARNA COSSIM:** [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

16

17 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** OUR AGENCY IS PART OF THE PROVINCE OF
18 WEST JAVA.

19

20 **MAYOR OSBAR SALBARNA COSSIM:** [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

21

22 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** THE SIZE OF THE REGENCY IS 300
23 HECTARES SQUARE.

24

25 **MAYOR OSBAR SALBARNA COSSIM:** [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]



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2 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** AND THE POPULATION OF THE REGENCY IS
3 4 MILLION PEOPLE.

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5 **MAYOR OSBAR SALBARNAL COSSIM:** [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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7 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** IT IS INDEED AN HONORARY OPPORTUNITY
8 FOR US TO BE HERE AND LEARN FROM YOU THE MORE DEVELOPED
9 COUNTRIES.

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11 **MAYOR OSBAR SALBARNAL COSSIM:** [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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13 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** WE WILL BRING HOME THE LESSONS THAT
14 WE'VE LEARNED FROM HERE AND SHARE IT WITH OUR PEOPLE IN OUR
15 COUNTRY.

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17 **MAYOR OSBAR SALBARNAL COSSIM:** [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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19 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR
20 GRATITUDE FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE PEOPLE HERE FOR
21 THEIR HOSPITALITY AND THEIR COOPERATION. WE HOPE THAT THIS
22 WOULD BRING ALSO MEANINGS FOR BOTH SIDES OF THE COUNTRIES.
23 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF OUR
2 OUTSTANDING DEPUTIES FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, OUR
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND THAT'S DEPUTY BRAD THOMPSON, WHO WAS
4 VERY SUCCESSFUL IN RESCUING AN INDIVIDUAL FROM A BURNING VAN
5 ON DECEMBER 10TH. HE WAS ON ROUTINE PATROL WHEN HE OBSERVED A
6 1979 DODGE VAN ON FIRE AT VIA PRINCESS AND SIERRA HIGHWAY IN
7 VALENCIA IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. HE QUICKLY RAN TO THE
8 VAN, FORCED THE SEATBELT OFF OF THE DRIVER, PULLING THAT
9 DRIVER TO SAFETY. HE WAS BURNED SLIGHTLY. THE DEPUTY, ALONG
10 WITH SUFFERING SMOKE INHALATION AND A CUT TO HIS HAND, FOR HIS
11 HEROIC ACTIONS. WITH HIM TODAY IS HIS WIFE, PATTY, HIS
12 PARENTS, JACK AND PAT AND HIS BROTHERS, ERIC AND CRAIG, WHO
13 ARE ALSO LOS ANGELES CITY FIREMEN AND CRAIG'S GIRLFRIEND,
14 SOPHIA. SO DEPUTY THOMPSON, WE WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS
15 PROCLAMATION AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR HEROIC ACTIONS. [APPLAUSE
16]

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18 **DEPUTY BRAD THOMPSON:** THANK YOU, EVERYBODY.

19

20 **DEPUTY:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THANK YOU FOR
21 TAKING YOUR TIME TO RECOGNIZE DEPUTY THOMPSON. HIS ACTIONS
22 THAT MORNING REPRESENT THE QUALITY OF PERSONNEL THAT SERVE OUR
23 COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ALSO SHOW YOU THE
24 EXAMPLE OF PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO SAFETY THAT WE HAVE IN



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1 PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK
2 YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS PAST DECEMBER, AS MY OFFICE HAS DONE
5 EACH YEAR, WE HOST A PARTY FOR THE FOSTER CHILDREN IN THE
6 PASADENA/ALTADENA COMMUNITIES. THIS EVENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A
7 GREAT SUCCESS, THANKS TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE LOCAL
8 COMMUNITY AND A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT
9 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
10 AND SENIOR SERVICES, ALONG WITH THIS YEAR WE HAD A NUMBER OF
11 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. THEY
12 INCLUDED THE PASADENA WALDORF SCHOOL, THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
13 INTERFAITH COUNCIL AND THE ALTADENA SENIOR CENTER, ALONG WITH
14 A COUPLE OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS THAT WE'RE GOING TO MAKE
15 PROCLAMATIONS TO AT THIS TIME. SO FIRST FOR THE PASADENA
16 WALDORF SCHOOL, REPRESENTED BY LOIS STUECK, WE WANT TO GIVE
17 YOU THIS PROCLAMATION. HOW ARE YOU AND THANK YOU AGAIN, OKAY.
18 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY INTERFAITH COUNCIL, REPRESENTED BY
19 SHANNON ULRICKSON, HOW DO YOU SAY IT? ULRICKSON. THE ALTADENA
20 SENIOR CENTER, DEBORAH SHEPLER, WHO CAME ON BOARD A FEW MONTHS
21 AGO AND HAS DONE A SUPERB JOB. MARA SUCHY. MICHAEL AND PENNY
22 GILL, AND PENNY'S NOT HERE, SO MICHAEL'S REPRESENTING PENNY
23 TOO.

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1 **MARA SUCHY:** WE, ON OUR PART, CONTRIBUTED JUST A LITTLE BIT,
2 BUT HOPEFULLY IT MADE THE DAY OF THE CHILDREN SPECIAL AND WE
3 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR ALL THAT HE DOES FOR
4 THE COMMUNITY, SO THIS IS JUST A LITTLE WAY TO GIVE BACK
5 SOMETHING AS WELL. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SHANNON ULRICKSON:** ON BEHALF OF SAN FERNANDO VALLEY INTERFAITH
8 COUNCIL AND OUR PROGRAM, ALLIANCE FOR THE CARE OF ABUSED
9 CHILDREN, I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND ALSO ALL
10 OF OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK WITH US YEAR-ROUND. THANK YOU.

11

12 **LOIS STUECK:** ON BEHALF OF THE PASADENA WALDORF SCHOOL, I WOULD
13 LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD AND ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
14 AND HIS STAFF FOR ALL THE WORK THEY DO IN THE ALTADENA
15 COMMUNITY. THE PASADENA WALDORF SCHOOL IS VERY MUCH ORIENTED
16 TOWARDS COMMUNITY SERVICE. ALL OF THIS FACULTY, STAFF,
17 PARENTS, AND ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN. SO ON THEIR BEHALF,
18 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I ALSO WANT TO THANK, FROM MY OFFICE, RENA,
21 JENNIFER, RITA AND SUZY FOR THEIR HELP WITH THIS AS WELL. [
22 APPLAUSE]

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE ONE-YEAR-OLD BOY NAMED
25 WINSTON. HE'S A MALE TERRIER MIX WHO'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO



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1 THIS IS WINSTON. WINSTON WITHOUT THE SCOTCH. AND ANYBODY WHO'S
2 AT HOME WATCHING CAN CALL AREA CODE 562-728-4644 FOR LITTLE
3 WINNIE. OKAY, WINSTON?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW OLD IS THE DOG?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE YEAR OLD. HE LIKES WEST L.A., WOULD LIKE
8 TO LIVE OFF OF DETROIT STREET. THERE'S A PERSON OVER THERE ON
9 THE LEFT SIDE THAT'D LIKE TO HAVE HIM I'M SURE, BARBARA IS
10 WAITING RIGHT NOW. SHE'S ON THE PHONE CALLING 562-728-4644,
11 BUT HER HUSBAND COULD BRING HER HOME AND SAVE HER THAT PHONE
12 CALL. [MIXED VOICES]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE
15 PRESENTATIONS? ALL RIGHT. IF NOT, WE'LL START WITH THE
16 SPECIALS WITH, SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE'LL START WITH YOUR --

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** OH OKAY, ALL RIGHT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO DO THE SPECIALS FIRST AND
21 THEN THE HEARINGS, OR THE HEARINGS FIRST? WE'LL DO THE
22 HEARINGS FIRST. THERE'S JUST ONE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WILL ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON
2 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 1 STAND? IS THERE ANYONE WHO PLANS
3 TO TESTIFY ON ITEM NUMBER 1? OKAY. SO ITEM NUMBER 1 IS THE
4 HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASE TO ADMISSION FEES AT DESCANSO
5 GARDENS, SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDENS AND THE COUNTY ARBORETUM
6 EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2003, AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS FOR
7 THIS ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY PROTESTS? HEARING
10 NONE, WE'LL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. IT'S MOVED BY KNABE TO
11 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
12 OBJECTION, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. IT'S MOVED BY KNABE,
13 SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH THAT THIS BE APPROVED. WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** AND NOW WE GO TO SPECIALS? OKAY. MADAM CHAIR,
17 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I MOVE TODAY THAT
18 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHRISTIAN UNDERHILL. CHRISTIAN WAS A
19 YOUNG MAN WHO SEEMED VERY MATURE BEYOND HIS 11 YEARS. HE
20 VOLUNTEERED REGULARLY AT MILLER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, WHERE HE
21 WAS ALSO A PATIENT. BETWEEN TREATMENTS -- [MIXED VOICES].

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD YOU SORT OF?

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, I'M SORRY, EVERYBODY'S COMING AT ME.
2 COULD WE HAVE SOME QUIET?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** CHRISTIAN WAS ALSO A PATIENT AT MILLER'S. BETWEEN
5 TREATMENTS HE HELPED PAINT A MURAL IN THE HOSPITAL'S
6 ACTIVITIES ROOM, ASSISTED NURSES AND DOCTORS ON ROUNDS AND SAT
7 BESIDE THE BEDRIDDEN. ALTHOUGH CYSTIC FIBROSIS LEFT HIM SHORT
8 OF BREATH, CHRISTIAN UNDERHILL HOPED TO ONE DAY HAVE ENOUGH
9 WIND TO BELT OUT HIS FAVORITE SONG, SISTER SLEDGE'S "WE ARE
10 FAMILY" ON T.V.'S "AMERICAN IDOL." HE WAS QUITE A YOUNG MAN.
11 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS GLEN AND MARGUERITA, SISTERS
12 MERIDIAN, FRANCESCA AND DANIELLA, AND BROTHER, STEFANO. ALSO
13 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA LEE BRIGHT, WHO LOST A BATTLE
14 TO BREAST CANCER AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 54. SHE WAS A VERY
15 SUCCESSFUL LONG BEACH BUSINESSWOMAN WHO HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL
16 MARKETING COMPANY. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE WITH THE GREATER LOS
17 ANGELES Y.W.C.A. AND OTHER WOMEN'S GROUPS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
18 HER BROTHER, DEAN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RENEE
19 MOORE, A LONG TIME MARINA DEL REY RESIDENT AND VERY ACTIVE IN
20 THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. MOST RECENTLY RENEE WAS ACTIVE IN HELPING
21 SAVE DANIEL FREEMAN HOSPITAL IN THE MARINA, AS WELL AS SERVING
22 ON THE BOARD OF THE VILLA MARINA COUNCIL AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE
23 WITH THE WEST CHESTER L.A.X. MARINA DEL REY CHAMBER OF
24 COMMERCE. SHE ALSO OWNED HER OWN COMPUTER SERVICE BUSINESS
25 CALLED "THE CALCULATING LADY." SHE PASSED AWAY LAST WEDNESDAY



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1 AFTER HAVING JUST CELEBRATED HER 78TH BIRTHDAY THE WEEK
2 BEFORE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JIM AND SON JEFF. WE
3 ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MYRTLE DWENSING, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
4 FEBRUARY 9TH. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, ROBERT, SON
5 ROBERT, JR., AND DAUGHTER, ARTIS. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
6 MEMORY OF COMASU AWADA WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 22ND. HE
7 WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF TORRANCE. HE WAS THE 96-YEAR-OLD
8 UNCLE OF EDDIE TONAKA, A FORMER DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF
9 PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM
10 CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PUT ME ON THAT TONAKA ONE VIOLET.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I HELD ITEM 13.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET ME GET SOMEONE TO. [MIXED VOICES
17]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** IF I COULD ASK SOMEONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO COME
20 FORWARD TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS, PLEASE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I WANT TO TALK TO HIM. ALL RIGHT. ITEM
23 NUMBER 13.

24



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1 **FRED LEAF:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
2 DR. SCHUNHOFF WILL JOIN US HERE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** LAST YEAR, I INTRODUCED A MOTION TO REVIEW THE
5 ALLOCATION OF THESE FUNDS, AND AS A RESULT, SOME OF THESE
6 CONTRACTS WERE RENEWED FOR ONE YEAR DEPENDING A REPORT ON THE
7 ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY. YOU GUYS COMPLETED A REPORT ABOUT SIX
8 MONTHS AGO. AS A RESULT, YOU'RE GOING TO REBID SOME OF THESE
9 CONTRACTS BUT WILL NEED ADDITIONAL TIME TO COMPLETE THE
10 PROCESS, AND AS I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE REQUESTING -- MY
11 QUESTION IS, WHY ARE SOME OF THESE CONTRACTS BEING EXTENDED
12 FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR?

13

14 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, THE CURRENT -- JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT MY
15 UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH SIDE, BUT MY
16 UNDERSTANDING IS WE ARE NOT CHANGING THE SCHEDULE OF OUR RE
17 RFP-ING, BUT THE ELEMENTS -- THE DIFFERENT CONTRACTS WITHIN
18 THE RFP SCHEDULE ARE BEING REORDERED, AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
19 BECAUSE OF A RATES REVIEW ISSUE. AND THE REASON THAT SOME OF
20 THEM ARE BEING EXTENDED FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR IS BECAUSE I
21 BELIEVE THE FIRST DAY WE COMMITTED TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD
22 WAS 3-1-04 IN OUR AUGUST 14TH COMMITMENT. IS THAT CORRECT,
23 JOHN?

24

25 **JOHN SCHUNHOF:** THAT'S CORRECT. THE ONLY CONTRACTS --



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT IF HE SAID "NO." [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

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4 **JOHN SCHUNHOF:** THE ONLY CONTRACTS THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED FOR
5 MORE THAN ONE YEAR ARE THOSE THAT HAVE EITHER JUST BEEN
6 RECENTLY RESOLICITED OR THOSE IN CASE MANAGEMENT AND MENTAL
7 HEALTH WHICH WERE SOLICITED LAST IN 1999 AND ARE RECOMMENDED
8 FOR ONE YEAR PLUS A ONE-YEAR RENEWAL, AND THOSE WOULD BE IN
9 THE THIRD YEAR OF THE SCHEDULE. IN THE AUGUST 14TH MEMO, IT
10 WAS PROPOSED THAT THE CONTRACTS BE REBID, ALL THE CATEGORIES
11 BE REBID OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD. THAT THREE-YEAR PERIOD HAS
12 NOT CHANGED, WE'VE MOVED AROUND WHICH WOULD BE REBID IN WHICH
13 YEAR.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT SOME OF THESE CONTRACTS HAVE NOT BEEN REBID
16 COMPETITIVELY FOR A LONG TIME. CAN YOU SORT OF CLARIFY WHAT
17 YOUR SCHEDULE IS FOR THE REBIDDING PROCESS ON A COMPETITION
18 BASIS OF THESE CONTRACTS AND HOW THAT PROCESS IS GOING TO
19 WORK?

20

21 **FRED LEAF:** WE ARE ORDERING THESE CONTRACTS FOR REBID BASED ON
22 AGE, ONE, HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE THEY'VE BEEN REBID, AS WELL
23 AS WHETHER WE ARE ACTUALLY READY AS WITH THE MEDICAL
24 OUTPATIENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND RESIDENTIAL, WHICH IS WHERE THE
25 RATE STUDY IS BEING COMPLETED, AND WE CAN'T DO RFP UNTIL



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1 THAT'S DONE. SO WE'RE GOING TO -- IF THAT RATE STUDY WERE TO
2 BE COMPLETED EARLIER THAN WE NOW BELIEVE, WE WOULD, OF COURSE,
3 STEP UP THE PROCESS AGAIN WITH THOSE PARTICULAR CONTRACTS, BUT
4 WE'RE GOING FROM LAST IN-FIRST OUT BASIS, RIGHT, BASICALLY THE
5 OLDEST ARE GOING TO BE BID FIRST.

6

7 **JOHN SCHUNHOF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** ON THE COMPETITIVE BID OKAY.

10

11 **JOHN SCHUNHOF:** YES SIR.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS. I THINK
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HERE? SOMEBODY FROM
17 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE? VIOLET? AUDITOR-CONTROLLER?
18 LET ME ASK FRED, WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR THE AUDITOR-
19 CONTROLLER, FRED, IF THE RATE REVIEWS FOR THE CONTRACTS ARE
20 COMPLETED SOONER, CAN YOU REBID SOONER?

21

22 **FRED LEAF:** ABSOLUTELY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MUCH QUICKER DO YOU THINK THAT COULD
25 BE ACCOMPLISHED?



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2 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, ASSUMING THE RATE DETERMINATIONS WERE
3 COMPLETED IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, WE WOULD THEN PUT THOSE
4 CONTRACTS BACK UP AT THE TOP OF THE LIST AND IMMEDIATELY RE-
5 RFP THEM. SO WE WOULD START THAT RFP PROCESS THE MINUTE WE
6 RECEIVE THE RATE CALCULATIONS. AND I BELIEVE THE AUDITOR IS
7 CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF SOLICITING THOSE OUTSIDE
8 CONSULTANTS TO PERFORM THOSE REVIEWS NOW.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER? OKAY. THEY'RE SENDING
11 SOMEBODY DOWN RIGHT NOW.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL MAYBE WE CAN CALL SOME OF THE PEOPLE
14 WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK, BUT WOULD YOU STAY THERE? BECAUSE I
15 THINK THAT MAYBE YOU SHOULD RESPOND. I KNOW GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL
16 HAS ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. AND ALSO CHRIS EDWARDS AND
17 TOM BARRO. OH IT'S ON THE -- OKAY. IT'S JUST -- WHICH ONE IS
18 ON THIS ONE? JUST CHRIS EDWARDS AND -- ALL RIGHT. YES. OKAY.
19 YES. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FIRST AND THEN GIVE US
20 YOUR STATEMENT.

21

22 **CHRIS EDWARDS:** MY NAME IS CHRIS EDWARDS. GOOD MORNING,
23 SUPERVISORS. I KNOW THAT THIS WILL BECOME AN APPROVED ITEM,
24 AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE CONTRACTS EVENTUALLY BECOME
25 APPROVED, BECAUSE SERVICE FOR PEOPLE WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.



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1 IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AND IT MUST OCCUR. THE CONCERN THAT
2 PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF HAVE HAD FOR NOW ABOUT THREE YEARS IS THAT
3 THERE SEEMS TO BE NOT ALWAYS AN EFFICIENT USE OF EVERY DOLLAR
4 MEANT TO GO TO PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. THREE
5 YEARS AGO, THE PUBLIC BROUGHT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S
6 ATTENTION A GRANT OF OVER \$273,000 TO BE GIVEN TO AN
7 ORGANIZATION. THIS WAS AN ORGANIZATION THAT WAS BEING RENEWED.
8 THIS ORGANIZATION WAS NOT FINANCIALLY SOUND. IF IT HAD NOT
9 BEEN FOR THE PUBLIC BRINGING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE OFFICE
10 OF A.I.D.S. AND ULTIMATELY THE BOARD, THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S.
11 WOULD HAVE GRANTED THIS GRANT, A SECOND, MAYBE EVEN A THIRD
12 TIME. INSTEAD THE MONEY WAS RE-RFP'ED OUT TO OTHER
13 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE MORE FINANCIALLY SOUND ENABLING
14 SERVICE TO GO TO PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. AGAIN,
15 THERE ARE ORGANIZATIONS ON THIS LAST REVIEW THAT STILL SHOW
16 THEMSELVES NOT SUBSTANTIALLY MEETING GOALS. THE QUESTION
17 BECOMES, WHEN DO THEY START MEETING GOALS, WHO IS DOING THE
18 JUDGING. WE STILL DO NOT HAVE THE QUALITATIVE EVALUATION TOOL
19 THAT WAS PROMISED TO US ON FEBRUARY 13TH, 2002. IF I AM NOT
20 MISTAKEN, COUNTY PROCEDURES, LAWS, REGULATION, ET CETERA,
21 REQUIRE THAT ANY CONTRACT BEING RENEWED MUST HAVE ON FILE AN
22 EVALUATION TOOL. WELL, IF THIS TOOL IS ON FILE AS PRESCRIBED,
23 WHY DID THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. MR. CHUCK HENRY ASK FOR A 90-
24 DAY PERIOD IN WHICH TO PRODUCE THE TOOL, 90 DAYS WHICH HAVE
25 COME AND GONE. WE'RE NOW IN 2003. THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS WE



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1 ASK, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW WHAT, IF THIS IS NOT ON FILE, THEY'RE
2 NOT FOLLOWING PROCEDURE, HOW DO WE KNOW GRANTS ARE BEING DONE
3 PROPERLY. I KNOW CATALYST FOUNDATION AS EARLY AS DECEMBER 2002
4 HAD CONCERNS ABOUT THE R.F.P. PROCESS THAT THEY WENT THROUGH.
5 THAT FELL ON DEAF EARS TO THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. THIS CAN'T
6 CONTINUE. YOU REPRESENT US. WE ASK THAT YOU BE FIDUCIARY
7 RESPONSIBLY -- ACT FIDUCIARILY RESPONSIBLE IN THIS RESPONSIBLE
8 -- IN THIS RESPECT. WE ASK THAT YOU ASK QUESTIONS. LAST WEEK,
9 SUPERVISOR BURKE STATED THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE ALL THE
10 ANSWERS. I STILL THINK YOU DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS. MR.
11 HENRY CANNOT EVEN PRODUCE THE EVALUATION TOOL A YEAR DOWN THE
12 ROAD. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW IT MUST SEEM
17 FUTILE TO YOU THAT I COME EVERY WEEK BUT I KNOW EVENTUALLY
18 SOME PEOPLE WILL REVIEW THE TAPE, THEY WILL REVIEW THE
19 NEGLIGENCE, THEY WILL REVIEW THE LACK OF FIDUCIARY DUTY, AND
20 ONE DAY, SOME OF YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THAT. THE AUDITOR-
21 CONTROLLER, YOU ASK FROM THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO DO A
22 REPORT. THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER WAS VERY SPECIFIC. IT COULD NOT
23 -- IT STATED THAT THIS REPORT DID NOT MEET THE QUESTION WHAT
24 WAS ASKED. NOTHING WAS DONE. YOU PASS AN ORDINANCE A FEW WEEKS
25 AGO ASKING THAT MEMBER OF O.A.P.P. DO NOT VOTE ON A



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1 COMMISSION. GUESS WHAT. YOU SHOULD TELL MR. GUNTHER FREEL HERE
2 WHO IS HERE THAT AN ABSTENTION IS A VOTE. A "NO" VOTE IS A
3 "NO" VOTE. I MEAN THEY ARE TURNING YOUR NOSE AT YOU EVERY DAY,
4 AND YOU ARE DOING NOTHING ABOUT IT. WHAT DO THEY HAVE OVER YOU
5 TO ALLOW THAT?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JUST -- MR. PELLMAN, YES, SHE RAISES THE
8 QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT, IF A PERSON IS IN CONFLICT, THEY
9 CAN ABSTAIN, AND IF THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS. I THINK IN
10 SOME INSTANCES, A PERSON SHOULD LEAVE THE ROOM BUT THEN IF
11 THEY VOTE "NO" -- BUT THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE ON IT AT
12 ALL. RIGHT? THEY EITHER HAVE TO ABSTAIN OR LEAVE THE ROOM.
13 RIGHT?

14

15 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** MADAM CHAIR THERE'S NOT A ONE SIZE FITS ALL
16 WITH RESPECT TO CONFLICTS. IT DEPENDS ON THE NATURE OF THE
17 CONFLICT, THE SIZE OF THE CONFLICT. ALL OF THOSE ISSUES ARE
18 DRIVEN BY THE PARTICULAR FACTS OF NATURE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A PROBLEM IN THIS ONE BECAUSE THE
21 PEOPLE ABSTAINED?

22

23 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE FACTS THAT TOOK
24 PLACE AT THOSE PARTICULAR COMMISSION HEARINGS. IF YOUR BOARD
25 WOULD LIKE WE CAN TAKE A LOOK AT IT AND REPORT BACK.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK IN THE FUTURE WHAT YOU CAN DO IS
3 CHECK TO SEE -- TO ADVISE THEM WHETHER OR NOT -- I WOULD THINK
4 THAT THEY COULD NOT VOTE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER OR THEY WOULD
5 HAVE TO LEAVE THE ROOM. I THINK THERE'S SOME NEW RULES ON
6 CONFLICT THAT SAY THAT IF YOU ARE AFFECTED, YOU SHOULD LEAVE
7 THE ROOM. HOWEVER, IF IT'S A CONSENT ITEM, YOU COULD ABSTAIN,
8 BUT COULD YOU GIVE THAT INFORMATION SO THAT THE A.I.D.S.
9 COMMISSION CAN HAVE THE BENEFIT OF IT?

10

11 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** RIGHT. WE WILL.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL THE ORDER NOTES STATE A "NO" VOTE,
16 AND A "NO" VOTE IS A "NO" VOTE, IT'S NOT AN ABSTENTION, IT'S A
17 "NO" VOTE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT VERY GOOD, HE'LL ADDRESS THAT TO
20 YOU AND MAKE SURE YOU GET ALL THE INFORMATION.

21

22 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, YOU KNOW, IT WOULD BE VERY NICE TO
23 SEE THINGS -- AT LEAST YOU DO AN ORDINANCE IT'S GOING TO BE
24 FOLLOWED, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE H.I.V.
25 COMMISSION FOR MANY YEARS AND IT HAS NEVER BEEN FOLLOWED, SO



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1 THE SURPRISE WILL BE WHEN IT'S FOLLOWED. EVERY YEAR, WE ARE AT
2 THE SAME POINT ABOUT THOSE CONTRACTS, AND WHY ARE THEY
3 RENEWING A BUNDLE? WHY NOT RENEW SEPARATELY SO WE REALLY KNOW
4 WHAT'S GOING ON? LAST YEAR, WHEN MANY OF THE ORGANIZATION WE
5 ARE RATED, IT WAS A PERCENT, YOU KNOW, DID NOT MEET THE GOAL
6 BY SO MANY PERCENT. NOW IT'S JUST -- IT'S NOT MEETING THE
7 GOAL, SO WE DON'T EVEN -- AND NOW IT'S WORSE THAN LAST YEAR
8 AND WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A PERSPECTIVE OR ARE DEFICIENT THOSE
9 CONTRACTS WHILE BEING RENEWED ARE BEING RENEWED. AND THE TOTAL
10 AMOUNT IS 70 -- OVER \$78 MILLION, AND, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE DON'T
11 HEAR BECAUSE EVERY YEAR WE'RE DOING THE SAME THING OVER AND
12 OVER AGAIN. BUT I CAN TELL YOU ONE THING. AS A PUBLIC CITIZEN,
13 AND A PERSON HAVING WORKED FOR 20 YEAR IN H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.,
14 I AM TIRED OF NOT SEEING THE MONEY TO GO FORWARD FOR THE
15 SERVICES. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THOSE CONTRACTS, MOST ARE
16 DEFICIENT IN RENDERING THE SERVICES. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? THAT
17 MEANS THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT GETTING THE CARE, THAT THE FEDERAL
18 GOVERNMENT IS ALLOCATING FOR.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S VERY CLEAR, THANK YOU. THE AUDITOR
21 IS HERE NOW.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A QUESTION WE HAVE RELATIVE TO THE TIME LINE
24 IS HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE YOU TO DO THE RATE REVIEW FOR THE



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1 CONTRACTS AND COULD THEY THEN BE REBID WITHIN SIX WEEKS -- OR
2 SIX MONTHS?

3

4 **J. TYLER MACAULEY:** I'D HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT CONTRACT,
5 SUPERVISOR, ABOUT THE REBID. WE ARE CLOSE TO HIRING AN AUDIT
6 FIRM WHO IS GOING TO REVIEW THE RATES AS YOU SAID TO DETERMINE
7 IF THE RATES ARE APPROPRIATE. I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH EXACTLY
8 HOW LONG, IT SHOULDN'T TAKE TOO LONG TO DO THAT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY WITH -- BECAUSE OF ALL THE PAST ABUSES
11 OF THE SYSTEM, IT MAKES SENSE TO EXPEDITE THE REVIEWS AS
12 EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE AND GETTING THEM OUT TO BID FOR A
13 COMPETITIVE BID TO ENSURE THAT WE GET THE BETTER SERVICES THAT
14 ARE REQUIRED. SO --

15

16 **TYLER J. MCCAULEY:** WE WILL SEE IF WE CAN EXPEDITE AS QUICKLY
17 AS POSSIBLE, SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE IS ONE PERSON I'D LIKE TO CALL UP.
22 YES. OH, NO. LET ME JUST -- CAN I DO -- I'D LIKE TO CALL UP
23 TOM BARRON. I KNOW THIS -- HE HAS ASKED TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM
24 THAT'S ALREADY PASSED BUT WE CAN JUST --

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR WHILE YOU'RE DOING THAT I'LL MOVE THE
2 ITEM, BEFORE US ITEM 13.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IT'S MOVED AND SECONDED THAT
5 ITEM 13 BE APPROVED, AND I UNDERSTAND YOU WERE REALLY HERE TO
6 SUPPORT ITEM 5?

7

8 **TOM BARRON:** YES, AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE HELD
9 IT OVER FOR ME TO COMMENT.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

12

13 **TOM BARRON:** I'D LIKE TO IDENTIFY MYSELF. MY NAME IS TOM
14 BARRON, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIRWOMAN AND SUPERVISORS, FOR
15 GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO -- IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 5
16 WHICH IS MIKE ANTONOVICH'S MOTION TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE
17 EQUESTRIAN LIFE-STYLE IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTY. AS A
18 LONG-TIME RESIDENT IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, AND AS AN
19 ENVIRONMENTALIST, I APPLAUD THE SUPERVISOR'S SUGGESTION THAT
20 THE PLANNERS AND PARKS ADMINISTRATION WORK WITH THE
21 MUNICIPALITIES TO MANAGE THIS DEFINING ELEMENT OF THE
22 CHARACTER OF OUR REMAINING OPEN SPACE COMMUNITIES. SANTA
23 CLARITA ONCE WAS A TRUE COW TOWN, HOME TO REAL AS WELL AS
24 CELLULOID COWBOYS AND CELEBRITIES. MELODY RANCH, WILLIAM S.
25 HART PARK, NEWHALL RANCH, THE BACKDROP FOR "LITTLE HOUSE ON



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1 THE PRAIRIE," ARE ALL IMAGES THAT I WISH TO CONJURE UP. ALSO,
2 THE COWBOY POETRY FESTIVAL AND INDIAN POW WOWS AND WILD WEST
3 DAYS. WELL I CONJURE THESE UP TO CONTRAST WHAT IS CURRENTLY ON
4 THE DRAWING BOARD FOR THIS COMMUNITY AND THE PROBLEMS YOUR
5 ADMINISTRATORS WILL FACE IN IMPLEMENTING YOUR SUGGESTIONS.
6 QUITE SIMPLY, THE CONFLICT IS BETWEEN THE REMOTE BEDROOM
7 COMMUNITIES BUILT AROUND CARS, SATELLITE SHOPPING AREAS,
8 BUSINESS PARKS THAT ARE SWALLOWING UP ALL OF THE AVAILABLE
9 OPEN SPACE AND THE NEEDS OF THE TRADITIONAL WESTERN RANCH
10 LIFE-STYLE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED AND SECONDED BY KNABE
13 -- BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
14 ORDERED.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 13?

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 13 YES, AND HE WAS JUST SPEAKING ON 5 WHICH
19 HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROVED.

20

21 **TOM BARRON:** OKAY. CAN I MAKE ONE FINAL COMMENT?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

24



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1 **TOM BARRON:** SURE, AND THAT IS THAT TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION
2 OF THE BOARD THAT THE LIFE-STYLE -- ONE OF THE LIFE-STYLES
3 THAT'S BEING LOST IS THE WORKING COWBOY, AS BOTH NEWHALL RANCH
4 AND DAHONE RANCHES ARE BEING CLOSED AND THAT IN EFFECT WE'RE
5 NOW DEFINING EQUESTRIAN LIFE-STYLE AS A RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY
6 AND THAT IT SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AS A LOWER PRIORITY RELATIVE
7 TO ROADS AND SAFETY.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **TOM BARRON:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, THAT WAS THE ONLY ITEM I HELD, BUT
16 SOMEONE DID HOLD ITEM NUMBER 11 AND I'D LIKE TO CALL NUMBER 11
17 UP, PLEASE. NUMBER 11, SOMEONE HELD IT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE WERE THREE PEOPLE WHO HAD ASKED TO
20 SPEAK ON THAT: TIM RILEY, JAMES SOKALSKI, AND CARLA ANDRUS.
21 WOULD THEY PLEASE COME FORWARD? ALL RIGHT. YES. WOULD YOU
22 STATE YOUR NAME?

23

24 **CARLA ANDRUS:** MY NAME'S CARLA ANDRUS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

2

3 **CARLA ANDRUS:** I'D LIKE TO ALLOCATE MY TIME. IS THAT PROPER TO
4 DO THAT NOW?

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'D LIKE TO DO WHAT?

7

8 **CARLA ANDRUS:** ALLOCATE MY TIME TO MR. SOKALSKI.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE. ABSOLUTELY. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

11

12 **JAMES SOKALSKI:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JAMES SOKALSKI. I'M
13 PRESIDENT OF A GROUP CALLED M.D.R. NEWS. THIS IS A GROUP OF
14 CONCERNED CITIZENS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, BUT
15 IT'S FOCUSED ON MARINA DEL REY AND INTENDED TO HELP THE USERS
16 GAIN A VOICE IN THE REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND MANAGEMENT
17 POLICIES IN MARINA DEL REY. YESTERDAY, THERE WAS A MEETING
18 HELD IN MARINA DEL REY BY THE SMALL CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION.
19 IT WAS A SPECIAL MEETING, AND IT DIDN'T SEEM TO COMPORT WITH
20 THE RULES SET FORTH BY THE COASTAL ACT. IN PARTICULAR, THERE'S
21 A SECTION 30006 THAT SAYS THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO FULLY
22 PARTICIPATE IN MATTERS INVOLVING COASTAL PLANNING AND
23 DEVELOPMENT. THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP MANY TIMES AT
24 SMALL CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION MEETINGS AND IN CORRESPONDENCE
25 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF BEACHES AND HARBOR. AS A MATTER OF FACT,



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1 ON OCTOBER 15TH, 2001, I CAME TO THIS BOARD AND PRESENTED SOME
2 CONCERNS AND I THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS SPEEDY
3 REPLY, IT WAS THE SAME DAY HE WROTE A LETTER DIRECTING THE
4 DIRECTOR OF BEACHES AND HARBOR TO RESPOND TO MY CONCERNS WHICH
5 HAD NOT BEEN ANSWERED ORALLY OR IN WRITING OR IN ANY PUBLIC
6 MEETING FOR NEARLY A YEAR AT THAT POINT. STILL, THERE WAS NO
7 RESPONSE FOR NEARLY TWO MONTHS. UPON GETTING A RESPONSE THEN I
8 AND THE M.D.R. NEWS FILED THREE LAWSUITS NAMING THE COASTAL
9 COMMISSION, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND CERTAIN DEVELOPERS.
10 THE INTENT IS NOT TO STOP DEVELOPMENT IN MARINA DEL REY, BUT
11 TO GAIN A VOICE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE MEETING THAT WAS HELD
12 YESTERDAY, THE NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED ON THURSDAY IN THE
13 ARGONAUT, THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER, BUT IT WAS PLACED IN THE END OF
14 AN ARTICLE, NOT POSTED AS A NOTICE, THERE WAS NO TIME TO
15 CONTACT STAFF BECAUSE BEACHES AND HARBORS STAFF IS CLOSED ON
16 FRIDAY AND ALSO NOT OPEN ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. THE MEETING
17 WAS HELD ON A MONDAY. SO THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE IT'S A VERY
18 WELCOMING PROCESS FOR THE PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS, INTERACT
19 WITH STAFF TO GET UP TO SPEED. SO THERE WAS MORE THAN A
20 HUNDRED VOTERS, PRIMARILY, VOTERS, WENT TO THE MEETING
21 YESTERDAY, SCORES OF OTHERS SUBMITTED LETTERS EXPRESSING
22 CONCERN, AND THEIR CONCERN WAS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON THE RIGHT
23 TO PARTICIPATE IN COASTAL PLANNING DECISIONS, THEY WANT TO BE
24 PART OF GOVERNMENT. THEY'RE NOT ANARCHISTS. THEY'RE NOT TRYING
25 TO MAKE YOUR JOB OR YOUR STAFF JOB DIFFICULT. THEY APPRECIATE



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1 YOU HAVE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES, A LOT OF IMPORTANT THINGS TO
2 DO, BUT THEY FEEL THAT THEY'VE BEEN OVERLOOKED IN THIS
3 PLANNING PROCESS. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WAS ONE PERSON WHO SPOKE
4 YESTERDAY WHO'S 70 YEARS OLD. HE SPOKE WITH SOME PASSION AND
5 DIFFICULTY ABOUT HIS LOVE FOR BOATING AND BEING ON THE OCEAN.
6 AND YET HE SAID WHAT IS HIS ALTERNATIVE IF YOU TAKE AWAY THE
7 BOATS FACILITIES AND PLACES WHERE HE PUTS HIS BOAT. ALL HE'S
8 GOT LEFT IS A ROCKING CHAIR. SO IT'S NOT A SIMPLE LITTLE
9 CHANGE IN HIS LIFE, BUT A MAJOR SHIFT IN HIS AND MANY PERSONS'
10 LIVES THAT'S GOING ON IN MARINA DEL REY. WHAT I'M HERE TO ASK
11 FOR IS THAT THIS BOARD DIRECT THAT POLICIES OR PROCEDURES BE
12 CREATED THAT MORE WELCOME PUBLIC INPUT. ALONG THIS LINE, I
13 HAVE A PACKAGE HERE I'D LIKE TO GIVE TO YOU AND HAVE AS PART
14 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD, AND I'M SORRY I DIDN'T GIVE YOU
15 COPIES HERE WHEN I FIRST SAT DOWN, I WAS A LITTLE NERVOUS, OF
16 A HANDOUT OUTLINING THIS. I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU
17 WOULD READ IT. THERE IS SOME INFORMATION THERE THAT YOU MIGHT
18 FIND USEFUL. IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE RESOLVED IN A
19 CONFRONTATIONAL SITUATION, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A LAWSUIT THAT IS
20 PENDING IN THE APPELLATE COURT REGARDING THIS ISSUE, THE
21 COUNTY'S NAMED AS A PARTY, BUT THERE'S BEEN NO DISCUSSIONS
22 WITH ANYONE FROM THE COUNTY AT THIS POINT. SO I'M INVITING
23 SOME OF THAT. THERE IS A ARBITRATION HEARING SET IN THE
24 APPELLATE COURT WITHIN NEXT MONTH AND SOME OF THE PRINCIPALS
25 WOULD BE INVOLVED, BUT I HOPE THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE SOMEBODY



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1 COME THAT MIGHT READ SOME OF THE MATERIAL, BE CONCERNED WITH
2 IT BEFORE IT'S AT THE 11TH HOUR AND, YOU KNOW, WHETHER IT'S
3 READY FOR THE JUSTICE TO DECIDE. IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE
4 CONFRONTATIONAL. THERE'S A LOT OF LOGICAL, HUMAN, IT'S
5 POLITICALLY SOUND MATERIAL TO MAKE A DECISION ON TO LOOK
6 OTHERWISE. THANK YOU. I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS NOW OR
7 LATER. I WOULD BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU MUCH FURTHER INFORMATION.
8 I'M NOT A GADFLY OR A ANARCHIST MYSELF, I WORKED 20 YEARS IN
9 L.A. COUNTY AND RETIRED. I HAVE A MOTHER, BROTHER, NEPHEWS
10 THAT WORK HERE. WE'VE BEEN A COUNTY FAMILY. WE RESPECT
11 GOVERNMENT WORKERS AND THE LEADERS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

14

15 **TIM RILEY:** YES MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, TIM RILEY
16 REPRESENTING MARINA DEL REY LESSEES ASSOCIATION. WE'RE HERE TO
17 STATE OUR SUPPORT FOR THE OPTION AGREEMENT. YOU NEED TO LOOK
18 AT THIS AS A PIECE TO THE PUZZLE IN THE MARINA. IT IS GOING TO
19 ENHANCE VISITOR SERVING ACTIVITIES IN THE MARINA, WHICH I
20 BELIEVE YOU ALL SUPPORT, THE PARK ENHANCEMENT THAT WILL COME
21 FROM THIS PROPERTY, IS GOING TO BE BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY
22 AS WELL AS TO THE REGION, AND I'M SURE YOU'RE GOING TO BE
23 LOOKING IN THE FUTURE TO THE LINKAGE TO OTHER PARCELS NEARBY
24 WHICH WILL BRING MORE VISITORS SERVING USES AND IT HELPS
25 FULFILL YOUR ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY. AS REGARDS TO THE



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1 MEETING YESTERDAY BEFORE THE SMALL CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION,
2 WHICH, BY THE WAY, WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED FROM -- BY MEMBERS
3 OF THE COMMUNITY, THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY
4 MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WERE NOT GOING TO SUPPORT ANYTHING
5 THAT REDUCED THE BOATING ACTIVITY OR REDUCED THE BOATING
6 SERVICES THAT ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDED ON THESE PARCELS AND THEY
7 TOOK, I THINK, GREAT PAINS TO ALLEVIATE THE FEARS OF THE
8 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY WOULD EVER SUPPORT ANYTHING
9 THAT REDUCED THOSE SERVICES. SO IT APPEARED AT THE OUTSET OF
10 THE MEETING YESTERDAY THERE WAS A LOT OF MISINFORMATION THAT
11 MAY HAVE BEEN OUT THERE ABOUT WHAT WAS REALLY HAPPENING WITH
12 THESE PARCELS. I BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND THE SMALL
13 CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION MEMBERS TRIED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT
14 THEIR INTENT WAS NOT TO TAKE AWAY THESE FACILITIES. THANK YOU
15 VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD I JUST ASK COUNTY COUNSEL A
20 QUESTION? AND OBVIOUSLY WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS WITH SOME OF
21 THE OTHER R.F.P.'S OUT THERE BUT THIS BOARD IS COMMITTED AS
22 WELL NOT TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE BOATERS OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL
23 BUT AS FAR AS THE ISSUE OF LEGALLY BEING NOTICED MEETINGS, I
24 MEAN WAS EVERYTHING -- WERE ALL THE MEETINGS, YOU KNOW, 'CAUSE



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1 I UNDERSTAND THE MEETING YESTERDAY WAS A CONTINUANCE OF A
2 PREVIOUSLYLY-NOTICED MEETING. IS THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **RICHARD WEISS:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR KNABE, YESTERDAY'S
5 MEETING WAS A DULY-NOTICED SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SMALL CRAFT
6 HARBOR COMMISSION. NOTICE WAS PROVIDED FOR A SPECIAL MEETING.
7 NOTICE NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE. IT WAS DONE
8 SO. AND IN FACT EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF
9 THE MONTH, WHEN THE SMALL CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION HAD ITS
10 REGULAR MEETING THIS MONTH, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TO EVERYBODY
11 THERE THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A SPECIAL MEETING TO ADDRESS
12 THIS ITEM. SO NOTICE EXCEEDED THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS UNDER
13 STATE LAW, UNDER THE BROWN ACT, AND IN RESPONSE, MR. SOKALSKI
14 REFERENCED SECTION 30006 OF THE COASTAL ACT WHICH PROVIDES FOR
15 A FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. THAT SECTION DOES NOT ELIMINATE
16 THE AUTHORITY OF THE SMALL CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION OR YOUR
17 BODY, FOR THAT MATTER, FROM HAVING A SPECIAL MEETING TO
18 ADDRESS THINGS AS LONG AS THEY'RE DULY NOTICED.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THE ULTIMATE DECISION RESTS WITH THIS BOARD
21 ANYWAY AND NOT THE SMALL CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION, WAS THAT
22 CORRECT?

23

24 **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT'S CORRECT, THE SMALL CRAFT HARBOR
25 COMMISSION IS ASKED TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ITS



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1 SUPPORT OR NON-SUPPORT OF THE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION. THEY
2 ARE ADVISORY TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO YOUR BOARD, SO YOUR
3 BOARD IS THE FINAL ARBITER ON THIS. I MIGHT ADD THAT WITH
4 RESPECT TO THE POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT, THE COUNTY'S EXERCISE
5 OF ITS OPTION HERE AND ANY RESULTING PROJECT, BEFORE THAT
6 HAPPENS, THERE WILL BE FOUR OR FIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT ARE
7 DULY NOTICED AT A MINIMUM, SO I CANNOT AGREE FROM A LEGAL
8 STANDPOINT THAT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED AND
9 WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD GO AHEAD AND MOVE THE ITEM
12 FOR APPROVAL, BUT MR. SOKALSKI RAISES SOME ISSUES THAT I THINK
13 THE COUNTY COUNSEL NEEDS TO ADDRESS FOR US AS IT RELATES TO
14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, AS PART OF HE CAN JUST REPORT BACK TO
15 THE BOARD ON THE ISSUES HE RAISED WITHIN THE CONFINES OF HIS
16 LETTER.

17

18 **RICHARD WEISS:** WE'LL BE HAPPY TO DO THAT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND? IT'S BEEN MOVED AND
21 SECONDED THAT THIS ITEM BE APPROVED BUT THAT THE COUNTY
22 COUNSEL REPORT BACK ON THE ISSUES, LEGAL ISSUES RAISED BY MR.
23 SOKALSKI. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. DID YOU HAVE TO --
24 WANT TO REOPEN AN ITEM, MR. ANTONOVICH? BECAUSE YOU'RE UP NEXT
25 THEN.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S ALL THE ITEMS I'VE HELD, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TODAY WHEN WE ADJOURN WE
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ONE OF THE MOST WINNINGEST JOCKEYS IN
6 HORSE RACING AND THE ONLY HORSEMAN TO WIN THE KENTUCKY DERBY
7 AS A RIDER AND TRAINER WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 14TH ON HIS
8 90TH BIRTHDAY, AND THAT'S JOHNNY LONGDON, WHO RETIRED AS A
9 JOCKEY IN 1966 AND AS A TRAINER BACK IN 1990. HE WON OVER
10 6,000 RACES AS A JOCKEY AND 370 AS A TRAINER. HIS MOST
11 MEMORABLE VICTORIES WERE THE 1943 KENTUCKY DERBY AS A JOCKEY
12 AND HIS 1969 KENTUCKY DERBY AS A TRAINER. HE WAS QUITE
13 INVOLVED, WELL RESPECTED AND OUR SYMPATHIES GO TO HIS FAMILY.
14 CLARA HOBBS, LONG TIME COURTS HILL RESIDENT, VERY, VERY
15 ACTIVE, INVOLVED IN THE COURTS HILL TOWN COUNCIL, ELECTED BY
16 HER COMMUNITY, QUITE ACTIVE WITH MY 13814 HIGHWAY TRANSIT TASK
17 FORCE THAT WE HAVE, WE MEET QUARTERLY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
18 TO COMPLETE THOSE NEEDED PROJECTS. A WONDERFUL LADY WHO PASSED
19 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 74, ON FEBRUARY 14TH. TO THE -- ADJOURN
20 ALSO IN MEMORY OF MARICEL MORALES AND HER CHILDREN, RAOUL, 9,
21 SYLVIA, 5 AND OSCAR, 1, WHO WERE TRAGICALLY KILLED WHEN THEIR
22 TRUCK SWERVED OFF THE PEAR BLOSSOM HIGHWAY ON FEBRUARY 19TH
23 AND SANK IN THE CALIFORNIA AQUEDUCT. EDNA BURTON, A LONG TIME
24 RESIDENT OF LA GRACENTA, WHO WAS ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR
25 TICOR, AND CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PACESETTERS. JOE CONNOLLY WHO CO-



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1 CREATED THE CLASSIC SITUATION COMEDIES, LEAVE IT TO BEAVER,
2 THE MUNSTERS, TAMMY AND HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. ROCCO
3 NEIL GRUBS, A 30-YEAR VETERAN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
4 SHERIFF'S RESERVES PROGRAM, AND ALSO ACTIVE IN THE GLENDALE
5 MASONIC LODGE. JOSEPH SEMBER, WHO WAS THE CREATOR OF THE
6 JAZZCO PRODUCTS WHICH SUPPLIED COMPONENTS TO OUR AIRCRAFT
7 AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS. JOSEPH ZORELLO, A
8 LONG-TIME GLENDALE RESIDENT WHO WAS ACTIVE IN THE GLENDALE
9 ARTS ASSOCIATION. HE WORKED FOR 25 YEARS FOR GRANT ADVERTISING
10 IN HOLLYWOOD WHERE HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT AND CREATIVE
11 DIRECTOR. AND ALSO AN ACCOMPLISHED PAINTER OF WATER COLORS.
12 PATRICIA DARLENE SMITH OF GLENDALE WHO WAS ACTIVE WITH THE
13 NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE AND THE OAK MONT COUNTRY CLUB. LEWIS
14 PETER TRIPODIS, WHO WAS THE OWNER AND OPERATOR OF THE PARIS
15 RESTAURANT IN MONTEREY PARK FROM 1951 'TIL HIS RETIREMENT IN
16 1986 AND ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF SAINT ANTHONY, THE GREEK
17 ORTHODOX CHURCH IN PASADENA. AARON ROPEKY, A UNITED STATES
18 MARINE CORPORAL WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 17TH IN OKINAWA
19 DUE TO A SCUBA DIVING ACCIDENT. HE ATTENDED LUTHERAN HIGH
20 SCHOOL IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, A GRADUATE OF GRANADA HILLS
21 HIGH SCHOOL, AND WAS CAPTAIN OF THEIR FOOTBALL TEAM. HE WAS
22 QUITE INVOLVED IN HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE. JAMES MOTINI, WHO WAS
23 THE BROTHER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S ROBERTA FESSLER
24 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL AND JOYCE AIELLO, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS
25 WEEKEND. STACEY KEACH SENIOR, THE CHARACTER ACTOR DIRECTOR WHO



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1 PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 13TH. LOIS GUTHRIE OF THE ANTELOPE
2 VALLEY, AND MANUEL DELGADO ALSO OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THERE
3 IS A -- I GUESS WE COULD ALSO DO THIS ONE TODAY. THERE WAS
4 RECENTLY A HOMEOWNER FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY
5 ALLEGING THAT MELOROUSSE TAX DOLLARS WERE MISSPENT FOR A
6 SCHOOL, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IN THE STEVENSON RANCH COMMUNITY,
7 SO I'D LIKE TO ASK IF COUNTY COUNSEL COULD DIRECT THE C.A.O. -
8 - THE BOARD WOULD DIRECT THE C.A.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO
9 CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE ISSUE AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD
10 WITHIN 30 DAYS. COULD DO THAT MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
13 SO ORDERED. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, AS THE WAR ON TERROR INTENSIFIES, MORE
16 OF OUR DEDICATED COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE BEING TAPPED TO SERVE IN
17 OUR COUNTRY. THROUGH JANUARY 2003, WE'VE HAD 116 RESERVISTS
18 BEING ACTIVATED FOR DUTY WITH ANOTHER 788 EMPLOYEES WAITING ON
19 STANDBY. BY THEIR SELFISH -- SELFLESS SACRIFICE OF OUR MEN AND
20 WOMEN IN UNIFORM, OUR FREEDOMS ARE PRESERVED AND THE RESIDENTS
21 OF OUR COUNTY ARE SAFER TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF LIVING IN OUR
22 COUNTRY. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD SUPPORT WITH GRATITUDE OUR
23 COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS THEY ARE CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY. AND I JUST
24 GOT A E-MAIL TODAY FROM ONE OF OUR SHERIFFS WHO'S BEEN CALLED
25 UP, ASKING FOR THAT TYPE OF SUPPORT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DOES THIS HAVE TO GO OVER TO NEXT WEEK, I
3 GUESS?

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOESN'T MATTER. HOWEVER YOU WANT TO DO IT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WITH -- DO YOU WANT TO MOVE FOR
8 ON IMMEDIATE CONCERN, OR IT CAN GO OVER FOR NEXT WEEK.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NEXT WEEK, NO PROBLEM. AND ON -- WHATEVER YOU
11 WANT TO DO.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO MOVE -- ALL RIGHT. MOVE FOR
14 THAT THIS BE TAKEN UP AS A MATTER THAT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION
15 SINCE THE AGENDA --

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** SOMEONE THANKING OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COUNTY EMPLOYEES, YES. ALL RIGHT, IT'S
20 MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED, OKAY.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
25 KNABE. SO ORDERED.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ON ITEM NUMBER 15-B.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** A MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OR WAS CONTINUED?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WAS THAT --

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, "B," IT WAS CONTINUED, I THINK. WAS IT
13 CONTINUED? YOU MOVE TO --

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED THAT ITEM 15-B BE
18 RECONSIDERED.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** MAY I SPEAK ON THAT?

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I'M NOT SURE WHICH ITEM THAT IS BECAUSE I'M
25 TRYING TO CATCH UP. WE JUST RECEIVED THIS REPORT ON FEBRUARY



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1 THE 18TH, AND I'M GOING THROUGH IT NOW AND IT'S A MAJOR
2 EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS. WE'RE JUST ASKING FOR A WEEK CONTINUANCE
3 SO WE CAN READ IT. I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO MEET WITH DAVID
4 JANSSEN OR THE C.A.O. ON IT.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY MY ONLY CONCERN, I TALKED WITH -- IS
7 DAVID HERE?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S BEEN ON THE PHONE AND I CAN'T GET HIM OFF.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM IS THIS?

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS THE REPORT THAT WE REQUESTED THE
14 COUNTY-WIDE BUSINESS CONTINUITY PROGRAM. THE REASON THAT WE
15 REQUESTED THIS APPROXIMATELY, I GUESS WAS IT SIX MONTHS AGO
16 JOHN?

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18 **JOHN:** CORRECT.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE COUNTY HAS BEEN VERY AGGRESSIVELY
21 PURSUING TRAINING PROGRAMS WITH F.E.M.A., THE STATE OFFICE OF
22 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, ALL OF THE CITY, 88 CITIES IN THIS
23 COUNTY WITH OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, OUR
24 FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND OUR LOCAL POLICE AGENCIES ALONG WITH OUR
25 LOCAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEDICAL FACILITIES TO BE PREPARED IF



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1 WE EVER HAVE A CRISIS, AND THIS IS AN ONGOING PROGRAM. I KNOW
2 MANY OF THE SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE BEEN AT THOSE TRAINING
3 PROGRAMS, BUT WHEN WE FOUND THE STUDY, OR WHAT THE STUDY
4 REVEALED IS THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARM OF THE COUNTY WILL NOT
5 FUNCTION IF WE HAVE ANY TYPE OF AN EMERGENCY TERRORIST ATTACK
6 OR MAJOR FIRE OR EARTHQUAKE, AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING
7 ABOUT CHECKS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE MAINTAINING OF A ECONOMIC
8 NEED, THE RECORDS DEALING WITH THE PROPERTY TAXES, THE HEALTH
9 RECORDS, ALL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS ARE NOT -- LET'S
10 SAY ARE VERY VULNERABLE IF WE HAVE A CRISIS. SO WHAT WE'RE
11 ASKING HERE IS TO MOVE FORWARD TO DEVELOP THIS PROGRAM TO
12 ENSURE THAT ALL OF OUR VITAL STATISTICS AND RECORDS AND THAT
13 THE COUNTY WILL BE ABLE TO FUNCTION AND MAINTAIN PROVIDING
14 SERVICES, HEALTH AND WELFARE AND OTHER VITAL NEEDS TO THE
15 COMMUNITY IF WE HAVE SUCH A PROGRAM. AND I KNOW MR. JANSSEN
16 AND I, WE DISCUSSED IT A LITTLE BIT YESTERDAY AS WELL, WHEN
17 THE REPORT CAME OUT LAST WEEK BUT.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR?

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES?

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN WE SPEAK TO THE CONTINUANCE FIRST?

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** ONLY BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S THE ISSUE, RIGHT,
3 RECONSIDERATION?

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. SHOULD WE WAIT A WEEK OR SHOULD WE
6 MOVE FORWARD TODAY BECAUSE OF THE TIME --

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. LET'S SPEAK TO THAT ISSUE. I DON'T --
9 AGAIN, I UNDERSTAND THAT WE MAY BE ON THE BRINK OF WAR AND WE
10 MAY BE ON THE BRINK OF A TERRORIST ATTACK, BUT THIS IS
11 AUTHORIZING \$400,000 TO BE EXPENDED, AND WE JUST RECEIVED THE
12 REPORT, IT WAS ISSUED ON THE 18TH, I RECEIVED IT IN MY OFFICE
13 ON THE 24TH, I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH IT, AND I JUST WANT TO
14 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE OUTCOMES ARE. I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND WHAT
15 EVERYBODY SHOULD BE READY AND WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE
16 THOSE SERVICES, BUT I HAVE FOUND EVERY SINGLE TIME THAT WE
17 VENTURE INTO COMPUTER PROGRAMS THAT CREATE COORDINATION WITHIN
18 ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS, IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU NEED TO ASK
19 QUESTIONS ABOUT. NOW, I DON'T MIND DOING THIS, BUT I WOULD
20 LIKE A FULL PRESENTATION, AND THAT'S WHAT I WOULD ASK FOR IT
21 TO BE DONE NEXT WEEK. IT'S A VERY COMPREHENSIVE REPORT,
22 THERE'S BEEN A COMMITTEE THAT HAS BEEN MEETING FOR THE LAST
23 SIX MONTHS ON THAT. THEY'VE INTERFACED WITH ALL THE
24 DEPARTMENTS. IT'S JUST THAT I WAS GOING THROUGH A LOT OF IT IN
25 HERE AND TRYING TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY HOW DOES IT CONNECT. SO



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1 THAT'S WHY I'VE ASKED, IT'S A GREEN SHEET ITEM FOR \$400,000,
2 I'M ASKING AS A COURTESY TO BE CONTINUED FOR A WEEK AND TO BE
3 SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK FOR A FULL PRESENTATION, WHICH I THINK
4 IS FAIR.

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND ACTUALLY, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, I THINK
7 A FULL PRESENTATION WOULD BE GOOD IN AND OF ITSELF APART FROM
8 THE \$400,000. YOU COULD ALWAYS SEPARATE OUT, IF YOU WANTED TO
9 GO AHEAD WITH PART OF IT AND DEFER THE 400,000, BUT I DO THINK
10 A PRESENTATION WOULD BE VERY WORTHWHILE. IT'S KIND OF -- I
11 GUESS IT'S PART OF OUR JOB THAT WE GET CRITICIZED FOR DOING
12 SELF-EXAMINATION THAT MAKES YOU WANT TO NEVER SELF-EXAMINE
13 WHAT YOU'RE DOING, BUT WE HAVE DONE A VERY GOOD JOB IN THIS
14 COUNTY OVER THE YEARS IN PREPARING FOR WHAT WE KNOW IS A
15 PROBLEM, CONCERN ABOUT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. INFORMATION IS
16 SOMETHING KIND OF NEW, AND THE BOARD ASKED US TO TAKE A LOOK
17 AT IT, AND JOHN DID, AND HE WAS APPROPRIATELY CRITICAL ABOUT
18 OUR READINESS TO DO THAT, BUT FRANKLY, WE WERE MORE CONCERNED
19 ABOUT PEOPLE THAN DATA. ALL RIGHT? SO NOW WE'RE GOING TO BE
20 CONCERNED ABOUT DATA, AND I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE
21 HAD A FULL EXPLANATION OF WHAT WE ARE DOING, WHAT WE AREN'T
22 DOING, AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO. I THINK THAT WOULD BE
23 WONDERFUL.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT'S WHY I ONLY ASKED FOR A CONTINUANCE
2 SO THAT WE GET A FULL UNDERSTANDING. WE JUST RECEIVED THE
3 REPORT. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
4 TO READ IT. I WAS JUST SKIMMING IT AND WE REALLY HAVEN'T HAD A
5 CHANCE, I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND ALL THE GRAPHS IN IT BUT
6 MORE IMPORTANTLY I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE TOTAL OUTCOMES AS YET.
7 SO THAT'S WHY I WOULD LIKE A PRESENTATION.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS YOUR -- MR. JANSSEN, HOW YOU WOULD
10 SEPARATE IT THAT THE DEPARTMENTS BEGIN THE PROCESS AND THAT
11 THE ISSUE OF THE REVENUE, THE 400,000-DOLLAR APPROPRIATION AND
12 THE PRESENTATION WOULD BE NEXT WEEK?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL ITEMS 1 AND 2, CERTAINLY YOU COULD MOVE
15 FORWARD WITH. 3, 4, AND 5 TALK ABOUT EXPENDING EITHER HIRING A
16 CONSULTANT OR EXPENDING DATA, AND I THINK YOU OUGHT TO WAIT ON
17 THOSE.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY SO THEN LET'S DIVIDE THE QUESTION AND --

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M IMPRESSED, WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO IN A
22 WEEK BUT IF IT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU THAT WE JUST START RUNNING
23 THEN LET'S RUN.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO THE COUNTY.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL IT'S IMPORTANT TO THE COUNTY BUT, YOU KNOW,
3 ANY TIME THAT YOU ARE GOING TO CREATE A SYSTEM THAT IS
4 SUPPOSED TO BE COORDINATION, IT REALLY DOES REQUIRE US TO HAVE
5 A BETTER UNDERSTANDING. THEY SPENT SIX MONTHS ON THIS AND THEY
6 MET PRETTY REGULARLY, AND I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, I
7 JUST THINK IT'S WORTH -- IT'S MERITORIOUS TO FIND OUT WHAT
8 THEY DID AND HOW THEY DID IT. I'M NOT SAYING THERE'S ANYTHING
9 WRONG WITH IT, AND I DON'T FEEL THAT \$400,000 IS AN
10 INAPPROPRIATE FIGURE, IT MAY BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE FIGURE,
11 BUT THAT'S THE BEGINNING OF A LARGER EXPENDITURE AS WELL, AND
12 WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT. SO I, AGAIN, I DON'T MIND IF IT'S
13 IMPORTANT THAT, YOU KNOW, WE CLAIM WE'RE STARTING, BUT IT'S --
14 AGAIN, I JUST ASK FOR A CONTINUANCE SO THAT WE CAN READ AND
15 HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING. AND AGAIN, IT GOES BACK TO THAT
16 SAME BASIC POLICY. GREEN SHEET ITEMS SHOULD BE FOR THE USE OF
17 EMERGENCIES, THINGS THAT ARE COMING UP, IT SHOULDN'T BE -- I
18 MEAN, THIS REPORT DID COME OUT. SOME OF US HAD RECEIVED IT AND
19 WE JUST HADN'T HAD A CHANCE TO READ IT AND I WAS HOPING THAT
20 IT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATELY SCHEDULED.
21 THEY TOOK THEIR TIME IN MEETING AND PUTTING TOGETHER ALL OF
22 THEIR THOUGHTS, I JUST THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD DO THE SAME
23 THING. IT DOESN'T SEEM, AND IF WE LOOK AT THE PROTOCOLS OF THE
24 GREEN SHEET EMERGENCY --

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT CAME OUT ABOUT A WEEK
2 AGO, AND IT IS AN EMERGENCY BECAUSE IT'S OPERATION OF
3 DELIVERING THE HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES THAT NEED TO BE
4 DELIVERED IF WE HAVE A CRISIS. SO I HAVE NO PROBLEM ON THE
5 APPROPRIATION BEING CONTINUED IN THAT PRESENTATION FOR NEXT
6 WEEK, BUT HAVING THE DEPARTMENTS BEGINNING TO BE ORGANIZED TO
7 FOCUS ON THIS, GIVING THEM THAT ADDITIONAL WEEK COULD BE A,
8 YOU KNOW, TIME OF THE ESSENCE ISSUE THAT COULD PROTECT THE
9 WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY. SO I HAVE NO PROBLEM
10 IN LIKE DIVIDING THAT AND MOVING 1 AND 2 AND ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5
11 BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK FOR SET ITEM AND THAT PRESENTATION.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT
14 MOTION? ALL RIGHT. 1 AND 2, AND THEN HAVING THE REST OF IT PUT
15 OVER 'TIL NEXT WEEK. ALL RIGHT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO MOVED. DO YOU WANT THE CALL THE ROLL ON
20 THAT, OR SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IS THAT A PROBLEM WITH YOU?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ESTABLISHING A COUNTY BUSINESS COMMITTEE, THAT'S
23 WHAT WE'RE AUTHORIZING?

24

25 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT WEEK?

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4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL IT ALREADY EXISTS, WE REALLY --

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN BETWEEN NOW AND
7 NEXT WEEK, BUT THEY WOULD AT LEAST START TRYING TO GET IT
8 TOGETHER.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST WANTED TO SEE WHAT 1 AND 2 WERE.

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL 2, 3, AND 4 -- 3, 4 AND 5 ARE THE ONES
13 YOU NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT, SUPERVISOR.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION SO
16 ORDERED, AND THE ITEMS IN TERMS OF COST AND ITEM 3 AND 4 OF
17 THAT WILL BE PUT OVER. WE HAVE A 10:30 SPECIAL ITEM, BUT WE
18 ONLY HAVE ONE OTHER ITEM, WHICH IS 15-F ON THE AGENDA, IF YOU
19 WANT TO CALL THAT UP. COULD I ASK --

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE CALLING THAT ALSO TO MOVE IN THE MEMORY
22 OF FRANCIS DART, WHO WAS THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE JOHN
23 MURIEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL P.T.A. AND WAS THE SECRETARY FOR THE
24 CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE AT THE CITY OF GLENDALE AND HELEN



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1 SHELTON, WHO WAS THE PRINCIPAL OF MONTROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2 FOR 13 YEARS WHO PASSED AWAY.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. SALADINO, I'D LIKE TO CALL
5 THIS UP RIGHT NOW. THEN, WE MET FOR SOMETIME IN WORKING THIS
6 OUT, AND BASICALLY WHAT THIS WOULD PROVIDE IS THAT THOSE
7 SITUATIONS WHERE YOU HAVE A PERSON WHOSE PROPERTY IS BEING
8 JUST AUCTIONED OFF FOR LESS THAN 10% OF THE ASSESSED
9 VALUATION, NOT EVEN THE MARKET VALUE, THE ASSESSED THE
10 VALUATION, THAT THIS PERSON WOULD HAVE -- GET CONSULTATION.
11 AND PARTICULARLY WHAT I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT PEOPLE
12 SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SOME OF THE BENEFITS THE COUNTY OFFERS. IF A
13 PERSON'S OVER 65, THAT THEY CAN APPLY FOR DEFERMENT AND ALL,
14 'CAUSE THAT'S BY STATE LAW, ISN'T IT?

15

16 **MARK SALADINO:** YES.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE STATE LAW PROVIDES FOR THAT.

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20 **MARK SALADINO:** CORRECT.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALSO, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS THAT
23 YOU HAVE.

24

25 **MARK SALADINO:** THAT'S CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU
3 DIDN'T COMMUNICATE IT TO ME, WHICH I WISH THAT YOU HAD AFTER
4 WE WORKED WITH IT, THAT THERE WERE SOME ISSUES OR TECHNICAL
5 ISSUES THAT NEEDED TO BE RESOLVED, AND WE HAVE AN AMENDMENT.
6 HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE AMENDMENT?

7

8 **MARK SALADINO:** NO.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'VE WORKED THOSE OUT WITH COUNTY COUNSEL
11 THAT WOULD IDENTIFY HOW WE WOULD BE ABLE TO -- YOU WOULD LOOK
12 AT THIS. HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THAT AND DO YOU HAVE ANY -- DOES
13 THAT TAKE CARE OF THOSE ISSUES?

14

15 **MARK SALADINO:** SUPERVISOR, I HAVEN'T SEEN THE AMENDED MOTION,
16 BUT I SUGGESTED SOME LANGUAGE WHICH I ASSUME IS THERE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO GIVE YOUR
19 RECORD -- YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE IT?

20

21 **MARK SALADINO:** YES, FOR THE RECORD I'M MARK SALADINO, THE
22 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BASICALLY WHAT MY UNDERSTANDING
25 IS THAT YOU -- THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER IT WAS ORDERING



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1 SOMEONE TO DO SOMETHING, BUT INSTEAD, IT WOULD BE TO INSTRUCT
2 THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR TO IDENTIFY THOSE PARCELS FOR
3 WHICH A HOME OWNERS EXEMPTION HAS BEEN FILED AND APPROVED WHEN
4 INCLUDED FOR ALL DELINQUENT TAX-RELATED ACTIONS.

5

6 **MARK SALADINO:** CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. THAT IS IN RESPONSE TO AN
7 OPERATIONAL ISSUE THAT MY STAFF RAISED AFTER I MET WITH YOU,
8 AND THAT IS THAT THE ONLY WAY THAT WE HAVE TO TELL WITH
9 CERTAINTY THAT A PROPERTY IS OWNER OCCUPIED IS IF THEY HAVE
10 FILED FOR AND RECEIVED A HOMEOWNER EXEMPTION. NOW, THE VAST
11 MAJORITY OF OWNER OCCUPIED RESIDENCES DO HAVE THESE
12 EXEMPTIONS. IT REDUCES THE AVERAGE TAX BILL BY BETWEEN 70 AND
13 A HUNDRED DOLLARS, BUT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT SOMEONE
14 COULD HAVE AN OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY WITHOUT THAT EXEMPTION
15 AND SO WE WOULDN'T NECESSARILY CATCH THEM. OUR CONCERN WAS
16 THAT IF SOMEONE DIDN'T HAVE THIS EXEMPTION AND WE DIDN'T KNOW
17 THAT IT WAS OWNER OCCUPIED, WE MIGHT GO AHEAD AND SELL THEIR
18 PROPERTY AND THAT THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE THE SALE
19 BASED ON THAT FAILURE TO CATCH IT. SO THAT IS CORRECT. THE
20 OTHER ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED WAS, AGAIN, AN OPERATIONAL ISSUE,
21 A POINT OF CLARIFICATION WHERE YOUR MOTION SAYS IF THE
22 INDIVIDUALS PAY THEIR TAXES FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, MY
23 UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT WHAT YOU WERE CONCERNED ABOUT WAS
24 SOMEONE WHO MAY HAVE HAD A PRIOR YEAR DELINQUENCY SOME YEARS
25 BACK AND THEN SINCE THEN, THEY'VE BEEN PAYING THEIR TAXES.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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4 **MARK SALADINO:** CURRENTLY, AND THE QUESTION WAS RAISED, WELL,
5 IF THEY MAKE A PARTIAL PAYMENT OR PAY LESS THAN THE FULL
6 AMOUNT OR IF THEY DON'T PAY ON TIME, DOES THAT CONSTITUTE
7 HAVING PAID THEIR TAXES. SO I SUGGESTED WHICH YOU HAVE DONE
8 HERE I SEE TO ADD CLARIFYING LANGUAGE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS
9 TO HAVE PAID THEIR TAXES ON TIME AND IN FULL FOR THE LAST TWO
10 YEARS, THAT WILL GIVE US THE MORE OBJECTIVE INDICATION THAT
11 THE PERSON DOES NOT REALLY REALIZE THAT THEY'VE GOT A
12 DELINQUENCY OUT THERE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I UNDERSTAND, WE GOT THE NOTICE FROM
15 YOU THAT WHEN YOU STARTED LOOKING AT THIS, THAT YOU FOUND THAT
16 THERE ARE PEOPLE WHOSE PROPERTIES WERE BEING SET FOR AUCTION,
17 SOME OF WHOM HAD HAD THE PROPERTY FOR YEARS AND YEARS, AND
18 IDENTIFIED SOME IN EACH DISTRICT.

19

20 **MARK SALADINO:** YES, SUPERVISOR. AFTER THE RATHER WELL-
21 PUBLICIZED CASE OF MR. DOBSON RECENTLY, WE WENT BACK AND I --
22 MY OFFICE CONDUCTED A PUBLIC AUCTION YESTERDAY AND IT'S
23 FINISHING UP AS WE SPEAK THIS MORNING. AT THE END OF LAST
24 WEEK, WE WENT THROUGH ALL OF THE PROPERTIES THAT WERE
25 REMAINING ON THE SALE AND PULLED OUT ALL OF THOSE PROPERTIES



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1 THAT HAD A HOMEOWNER EXEMPTION ON THEM TO TRY TO DETERMINE
2 WHETHER THERE WAS ANYBODY WHO MIGHT FALL INTO A SITUATION LIKE
3 MR. DOBSON DID. AND WE FOUND ABOUT 20 PROPERTIES THAT WOULD
4 NOT NECESSARILY HAVE BEEN IN THESE CATEGORIES BECAUSE THEY HAD
5 MULTIPLE YEARS OF DELINQUENCY, BUT WE DID NOTICE THAT THE
6 OWNERSHIP OF THOSE PROPERTIES, IN MANY CASES, HAD NOT
7 TRANSFERRED FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. SOME OF THESE HOMES HAD
8 BEEN OWNED SINCE THE MID-60S OR THE EARLY 1970S. THAT
9 INDICATED TO US THAT IT QUITE POSSIBLY COULD BE A SENIOR
10 CITIZEN WHO MAY HAVE BEEN UNAWARE OF THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS. SO
11 IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANOTHER PROBLEM LIKE MR. DAWSON SUFFERED,
12 WE WENT AHEAD AND REMOVED THOSE PROPERTIES FROM THE AUCTION.
13 THE BULK OF THEM ACTUALLY WERE IN YOUR DISTRICT. THERE WERE
14 QUITE A FEW IN THE FIRST DISTRICT AS WELL, BUT THERE WERE
15 PROPERTIES IN EVERY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT THAT WERE AFFECTED
16 BY THIS. SO IN ORDER TO, AGAIN, MAKE SURE THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE
17 THE SAME PROBLEM ARISE IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS MOTION PASSING,
18 WE WENT AHEAD AND PULLED THOSE PROPERTIES SO THAT WE COULD DO
19 ADDITIONAL RESEARCH.

20
21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THAT'S THE REASON I WENT ON, BECAUSE
22 IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT THESE AUCTIONS ARE GOING ON ALL THE
23 TIME, THAT THERE MIGHT BE OTHER PEOPLE. I KNOW THAT I'VE HAD
24 TO INTERVENE A NUMBER OF TIMES, SO WILL LET YOU KNOW, OF WHERE
25 PEOPLE HAD TO TRY AND BUY THEM BACK OR WE HAD TO TRY TO DELAY



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1 AND SOME OF THOSE THINGS, AND I SUSPECT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE HAD
2 TO DO THE SAME THING, WHERE IT COMES TO OUR ATTENTION.
3 OBVIOUSLY IT SLIPS THROUGH OUR FINGERS SOMETIMES.

4

5 **MARK SALADINO:** AND SOMETIMES SUPERVISOR WE HAVE REASON TO
6 BELIEVE THAT SOMEONE MAY NEED SOME ASSISTANCE, FOR ONE REASON
7 OR ANOTHER, AND GENERALLY WE WILL REFER THOSE TO THE PUBLIC
8 GUARDIAN FOR AN INVESTIGATION, OBVIOUSLY GOING FORWARD WE'LL
9 ALSO TRY TO INVOLVE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES. AND IN THAT
10 REGARD I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT I'VE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
11 DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND MR. RYANS, THE DIRECTOR OF
12 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY COULD
13 HANDLE THE ANTICIPATED WORKLOAD THAT THIS WOULD CREATE FOR
14 THEM. AT THIS POINT, I BELIEVE THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO IT AND
15 KEEP UP WITH IT. IF TIME SHOWS THAT IT'S MORE OF AN EFFORT
16 THAN THEY HAD ANTICIPATED, THEN WE'LL COME BACK TO THE BOARD
17 AND LET YOU KNOW. BUT AT THIS POINT, I THINK WE CAN IMPLEMENT
18 THIS MOTION AND THEN NEXT WEEK, OF COURSE, I'LL BE COMING BACK
19 WITH A REPORT WITH SOME OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THINGS THAT
20 WE CAN DO TO TRY TO GET PEOPLE SOME HELP IF WE HAVE REASON TO
21 BELIEVE THAT THEY NEED IT.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST ON THE RESOURCES. I WAS -- IS PASTOR
2 HERE? ARE YOU -- COME ON UP HERE. THE MOTION ASKS FOR A REPORT
3 BACK NEXT WEEK ON THE RESOURCES, WHICH I THINK IS A GOOD -- IS
4 A GOOD IDEA, BUT I'M JUST CURIOUS. MR. SALADINO JUST SAID THAT
5 YOU CAN LIVE WITHIN YOUR RESOURCES, YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH WHAT'S
6 CALLED FOR IN THIS POLICY.

7

8 **PASTOR HERRERA:** GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR, I'M PASTOR HERRERA,
9 DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS. YEAH, WE DISCUSSED THIS AND WE
10 WANTED TO SEE WHAT WILL ENTAIL -- WHAT THIS WILL ENTAIL, AND
11 IF IT DOES ENTAIL THE RESOURCES THAT WE DO NOT HAVE AVAILABLE
12 WE WILL COME BACK TO THE BOARD.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO NEXT WEEK, YOU'RE GOING TO LET US KNOW
15 WHETHER YOU CAN DO IT WITHIN YOUR EXISTING RESOURCES?

16

17 **PASTOR HERRERA:** WELL, I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO THAT
18 BY NEXT WEEK, SUPERVISOR. WE NEED TO SEE EXACTLY HOW MUCH
19 INVESTIGATION, FOLLOW UP WE HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OF THE
20 HOMEOWNERS, WHETHER WE HAVE TO DO SOME RESEARCH ON THE
21 PROPERTY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY HOMEOWNERS DO YOU EXPECT YOU'RE
24 GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANNUALLY?

25



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1 **MARK SALADINO:** WELL IT'S HARD TO TELL, SUPERVISOR. I HAVEN'T
2 HAD TIME TO REALLY CHECK THAT BUT TYPICALLY ABOUT 5% OF THE
3 PROPERTIES ON A TYPICAL AUCTION WOULD BE OWNER-OCCUPIED. AND
4 SO THAT COULD BE MAYBE 400 A YEAR, POTENTIALLY, BUT WHAT WE
5 PLAN TO DO WITH THE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES AND CONSUMER
6 AFFAIRS IS TO TRY TO IDENTIFY THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE
7 HEADING TO AUCTION BEFORE THEY GET UP TO THE DEADLINE, MAYBE
8 AFTER THREE YEARS OF DELINQUENCY OR FOUR YEARS OF DELINQUENCY
9 SO WE CAN TAKE A PROACTIVE APPROACH AND SORT OF GET A LITTLE
10 AHEAD OF THE GAME AND IDENTIFY PEOPLE SOONER. BUT FOR THE
11 IMMEDIATE PROPERTIES THAT WOULD BE COMING TO AUCTION NEXT
12 YEAR, I WOULD ANTICIPATE BETWEEN 200 AND 400 INTERVIEWS WOULD
13 BE REQUIRED UNDER THIS MOTION, MR. RYANS HAS INDICATED --

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IF IT WAS IN THAT RANGE OF TWO TO 400,
16 PASTOR, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE? CAN YOU
17 ABSORB THAT?

18

19 **PASTOR HERRERA:** IF, IN FACT, IT QUALIFIES UNDER THE ADULT
20 PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM, WHICH WE CURRENTLY HAVE A
21 CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES WHO WOULD BE
22 WORKING WITH THEM TO, YOU KNOW, INCREASE OUR RESOURCES UNDER
23 THAT PROGRAM TO ACCOMMODATE THE INVESTIGATIONS OR FOLLOW-
24 THROUGH WITH THESE HOMEOWNERS.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IF IT'S NOT?

2

3 **PASTOR HERRERA:** THEN IF IT'S NOT, WE WOULD BE COMING BACK TO
4 YOUR BOARD.

5

6 **MARK SALADINO:** ONE OTHER THING I SHOULD POINT OUT IS THAT THE
7 ESTIMATE I JUST GAVE YOU OF TWO TO 400, WOULD BE THE
8 PROPERTIES THAT ARE IN THEIR FIFTH YEAR OF DELINQUENCY, THAT
9 ARE REALLY HEADED FOR AUCTION. A LOT OF PROPERTIES GET
10 REDEEMED IN THE THIRD YEAR AND THE FOURTH YEAR SO THE CLOSER
11 YOU GET TO AUCTION THE FEWER THERE ARE. IF WE WERE TO REFER
12 THE LIST TO THESE DEPARTMENTS AFTER, SAY, FOUR YEARS, THE
13 NUMBER COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER, BUT IT'S NOT A BAD
14 THING, I DON'T THINK, TO START LOOKING INTO THOSE PROPERTIES
15 EARLIER AND TAKE THE MORE PROACTIVE APPROACH. BUT AGAIN IF IT
16 TURNS OUT TO BE A RESOURCE ISSUE, I'M SURE THAT THEY'LL LET
17 YOU KNOW.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
22 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **MARK SALADINO:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I APPRECIATE THE
2 COOPERATION, BUT IF THERE'S A PROBLEM ANY TIME THAT I HAVE A
3 MOTION AND THERE'S AN ISSUE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW BEFOREHAND. WE
4 LIKE TO WORK THESE THINGS OUT BEFORE WE GET HERE. WE HAVE A
5 10:30 ITEM. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE'LL CALL THAT AT THIS
6 TIME. WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE FOR MR. BOBB TO MAKE HIS
7 STATEMENT FIRST AND THEN -- WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO THAT?

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9 **MERICK BOBB:** I DON'T HAVE A PREPARED STATEMENT. THIS IS MERICK
10 BOBB, SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I DON'T
11 HAVE A PREPARED STATEMENT, BUT I'M HAPPY TO ADDRESS ANY
12 QUESTIONS THAT THIS BOARD MIGHT HAVE WITH RESPECT TO MY 16TH
13 SEMIANNUAL REPORT, WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS IN PART THE SUBJECT
14 OF THIS TODAY.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE QUESTIONS?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, YOU KNOW, AFTER READING YOUR REPORT, I
19 HAD SOME REAL CONCERNS, AND PARTS OF IT REMINDED ME OF A
20 PERSON WHO HATES CHILDREN WRITING A BOOK ABOUT HOW TO RAISE A
21 CHILD. THE EXAMPLE OF THE -- ONE OF THE PERFECT POLICE
22 DEPARTMENT FOOT PURSUIT POLICY IS ONE THAT TAKES PLACE IN
23 COLLINGWOOD, NEW JERSEY, BUT TO COMPARE COLLINGWOOD, NEW
24 JERSEY, WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS REALLY A STRETCH BECAUSE
25 COLLINGWOOD, NEW JERSEY, IS A POLICE FORCE OF 30 OFFICERS, 20



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1 CIVILIANS, AND A COMMUNITY OF TWO MILES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS
2 ABOUT 4200 SQUARE MILES. THE NOTION THAT PERHAPS ONE PERSON
3 SHOULD NOT PURSUE A FLEEING DEFENDANT IF THE OFFICER IS
4 SMALLER OR THE DEFENDANT'S LARGER IS LUDICROUS. THERE ARE
5 TIMES WHEN OUR OFFICERS, WHO ARE TRAINED PROFESSIONALLY TO
6 HANDLE ALL TYPES OF SITUATIONS, REGARDLESS OF THE SUSPECT'S
7 SIZE OR SEX, AND THAT'S JUST PART OF THEIR TRAINING AND THE
8 CRITERIA THAT AN OFFICER SHOULD LET A DEFENDANT SUSPECT ESCAPE
9 NOR IS THE FACT THAT MANY TIMES THE SUSPECT WAS ARMED AND HAS
10 THE ABILITY OF FLEEING AND THEN TURNING AROUND AND SHOOTING
11 THE OFFICER OR SHOOTING THE OFFICER AND CIVILIANS WHO ARE
12 NEARBY. SO THE OFFICER HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO PURSUE THAT
13 SUSPECT, TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY. BUT IT WOULD SEEM TO ME
14 A BETTER CRITERIA TO USE WOULD BE TO HAVE -- HAVING PEOPLE WHO
15 HAD WALKED IN THE SHOES OF AN OFFICER, LET'S SAY RETIRED
16 PERSONNEL WHO COULD CRITIQUE THESE VARIOUS INCIDENTS AND THEN
17 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENHANCED TRAINING PROGRAMS. BUT IN
18 YOUR REPORT, I BELIEVE IT WAS 22% OF THE -- IT'S 22% OF --
19 BETWEEN 1997 TO 2002, YOU WERE LOOKING AT THOSE GROUPS OF
20 SHOOTINGS INVOLVING FOOT PURSUITS WITH DEPUTIES, BUT I KNOW IN
21 ONE OF THE CASES, OTHERS -- THE SUSPECT WAS ARMED, WHICH MEANS
22 HE WAS A DANGER, AND THE -- SO I JUST HAVE-- HAVE SOME REAL --
23 REAL CONCERNS ABOUT THAT. RELATIVE TO THE D.P.I., MY QUESTION
24 IS, ARE WE ATTEMPTING TO GATHER TOO MUCH INFORMATION, ARE WE
25 MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS BECAUSE OF STATE LAW THAT THOSE



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1 CONCERNS THAT ARE BEING RAISED IN THE REPORT ARE GOING TO
2 INCLUDE THOSE STATE LAWS THAT REQUIRE CERTAIN RIGHTS AND
3 OBLIGATIONS OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR POLICE OFFICERS
4 THAT THEY HAVE WITH THEIR EMPLOYER. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, WHAT
5 IS THE -- THE ISSUE OF RETAINING UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS IS
6 REALLY A MORALE FACTOR. NOW, IF A CHARGE IS TO BE UPHELD, THAT
7 SHOULD STAY IN THE FILE, BUT IF THEY ARE UNFOUNDED, YOU CREATE
8 A REAL PANDORA'S BOX AND A MAJOR MORALE FACTOR FOR THE
9 OFFICERS IN THE FIELD. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LITTLE MORE
10 DEFINITIVE RECOMMENDATION THAT WOULD INCLUDE WITH THE P.P.I.S
11 THAT YOU HAVE THE RECOGNITION OF THE LAW, AND IF THERE ARE
12 AREAS WHERE THE LAW OUGHT TO BE CHANGED, MAKE THOSE
13 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT WHAT OUGHT TO BE CHANGED, BUT
14 IT'S JUST A -- IT'S A SERIOUS ISSUE. SO, MR. BOBB, WHAT ABOUT
15 THE IMPACT OF RETAINING BOTH FOUNDED AND UNFOUNDED EVENTS AT
16 THE P.P.I.

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18 **MERRICK BOBB:** WELL AS YOU RECALL, THIS WAS A SUBJECT OF SOME
19 DISCUSSION BEFORE THIS BOARD A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, AND IN
20 CONNECTION WITH THAT, AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT WAS
21 ORDERED IMPLEMENTED BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO WHAT WOULD BE
22 RETAINED AND NOT RETAINED IN THE P.P.I., AND THE SHERIFF'S
23 DEPARTMENT HAS NOT HAD A QUARREL WITH THAT AND WE'VE GONE
24 FORWARD ON THAT BASIS. IF I MIGHT, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE
25 POINTS THAT YOU'VE MADE AND, IF I MIGHT, RESPOND. FIRST WITH



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1 RESPECT TO COLLINGSWOOD, NEW JERSEY, I SHARE WITH YOU THE
2 CONCERN ABOUT THE SAFETY OF OUR OFFICERS. AND THE
3 COLLINGSWOOD, NEW JERSEY INCIDENT AT LEAST IN MY VIEW WAS
4 PARTICULARLY COMPELLING. YES, IT'S A SMALL TOWN. YES, THERE
5 ARE FEW POLICE OFFICERS, BUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN
6 COLLINGSWOOD, NEW JERSEY IS THAT DRUG DEALERS WERE SETTING UP
7 TRAPS, BOOBY TRAPS FOR POLICE OFFICERS. THEY WOULD ENTICE
8 POLICE OFFICERS INTO ABANDONED HOMES WHERE THESE POLICE
9 OFFICERS WOULD BE AMBUSHED, THEY WOULD BOOBY TRAP THE HOUSE SO
10 THAT THERE WOULD BE THINGS SET UP WITHIN THE HOUSE THAT THEY
11 WOULD TRIP OVER. THEY WOULD DIG HOLES IN THE FLOOR FOR THE
12 OFFICERS TO FALL. AND WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN COLLINGSWOOD IS
13 THAT POLICE OFFICERS, IN GOOD FAITH, TRYING TO DO THEIR JOBS,
14 RUNNING AFTER SUSPECTS, WERE FINDING THEMSELVES WOUNDED,
15 KILLED, OR INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. THEREFORE,
16 COLLINGSWOOD TOOK A LOOK AT ITS FOOT PURSUIT POLICY AND
17 CHANGED IT. WHAT WE DID IN TERMS OF OUR WORK WITH RESPECT TO
18 THE FOOT PURSUIT POLICY WAS TO RELY NOT REALLY ON
19 COLLINGSWOOD. WHAT WE'RE RELYING UPON WAS WHAT THE F.B.I.
20 TEACHES AS RESPECTS FOOT PURSUITS. AND I HAVE HERE AN ARTICLE
21 WHICH I WILL PASS OUT CALLED "ESTABLISHING A FOOT PURSUIT
22 POLICY, RUNNING INTO DANGER," THIS ARTICLE WRITTEN BY ONE WHO
23 TEACHES OFFICER SAFETY AT THE F.B.I. ACADEMY, TALKS ABOUT EACH
24 OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE'VE MADE IN THE REPORT AND
25 AGREES WITH THEM. IN ADDITION, WE CONSULTED, WE CALLED AND



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1 CONSULTED WITH THE AUTHOR OF THIS REPORT AT THE F.B.I. AND
2 EACH OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS CAME FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH
3 THE F.B.I. SO I THINK THAT -- I THINK THAT WE'RE ON PRETTY
4 FIRM GROUND WITH RESPECT TO OUR -- WITH RESPECT TO OUR
5 RECOMMENDATIONS ON FOOT PURSUITS. BUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I
6 KNOW YOU'RE A RESERVE POLICE OFFICER AND YOU, LIKE I, ARE
7 VITALLY CONCERNED WITH OFFICER SAFETY. I'M SURE AS A RESERVE
8 POLICE OFFICER, YOU'VE PROBABLY HAD OCCASION TO CONSULT THIS
9 BOOK "SURVIVING THE STREET-OFFICER SAFETY AND SURVIVAL
10 TECHNIQUES." MANY CONSIDER IT A BIBLE IN TERMS OF OFFICER
11 SAFETY. IT'S WRITTEN BY A 28-YEAR POLICE VETERAN WHO SERVED AS
12 A S.W.A.T. TEAM MEMBER, A DETECTIVE SERGEANT, A WATCH
13 COMMANDER. HE'S WRITTEN SIX BOOKS ON OFFICER SAFETY AND OVER
14 150 MAGAZINE ARTICLES. WHAT HE SAYS, AND I DO HAVE COPIES OF
15 AN EXCERPT ON FOOT PURSUITS THAT HE DRAFTED, HE GIVES
16 UNVARNISHED, CLEAN, STRAIGHT ADVICE TO POLICE OFFICERS. YOU'LL
17 KNOW THAT -- YOU'LL NOTICE THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE
18 SUGGESTED MIGHT BE PART OF A POLICY IS THAT YOU GET ON THE --
19 YOU GET ON THE RADIO AND BROADCAST WHEN YOU'RE ABOUT TO START
20 A FOOT PURSUIT. THIS IS WHAT GERALD GARNER, THAT EXPERT, SAYS
21 ABOUT THAT. "WHETHER YOU ARE ALONE OR NOT, NEVER BEGIN A FOOT
22 PURSUIT WITHOUT FIRST RADIOING YOUR DISPATCHER WHERE YOU ARE,
23 WHAT YOU'RE DOING, WHY YOU'RE CHASING IN YOUR DIRECTION OF
24 TRAVEL. IF POSSIBLE, ADD A QUICK DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT.
25 YOUR BRIEF RADIO MESSAGE WILL GET HELP ON THE WAY FAST AND



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1 JUST MAY BE THE DETERMINING FACTOR IN KEEPING YOU SAFE EVEN AS
2 YOUR SUSPECT IS BROUGHT INTO CUSTODY." ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
3 WE TALKED ABOUT AND ADDRESSED WAS PARTNER SPLITTING AND
4 CHASING A SUSPECT SOLO. HERE'S WHAT HE HAS TO SAY ABOUT THAT.
5 "IF YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE A PARTNER OR ASSIST UNIT ON SCENE WHEN
6 A CHASE BEGINS, DO NOT SPLIT UP TO CHASE MULTIPLE SUBJECTS OR
7 TRY TO CUT OFF A SINGLE-FLEEING INDIVIDUAL. MORE THAN A COUPLE
8 OF OFFICERS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY A SUBJECT THEY WERE CHASING
9 AFTER VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERING THEIR ADVANTAGE OF HAVING
10 SUPERIOR MANPOWER AT HAND. DON'T GIVE YOUR STRENGTH OF NUMBERS
11 ADVANTAGE." AND WITH RESPECT TO ARMED SUSPECTS, A CONCERN THAT
12 WE BOTH SHARE VERY MUCH, AND, YOU'RE RIGHT, SOME OF THE
13 EXAMPLES WE CITED DEALT WITH ARMED SUSPECTS. HERE'S WHAT THEY
14 SAY, AND IT TRACKS VERY MUCH OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. "IF YOU
15 BELIEVE YOUR FOOT PURSUIT QUARRY TO BE ARMED WITH A DEADLY
16 WEAPON, CONSIDER HOLDING OFF ON THE CHASE UNTIL YOU GET PLENTY
17 OF HELP ON THE SCENE, TO SET UP A BROAD PERIMETER AROUND THE
18 AREA IN WHICH HE IS LAST SEEN." SO, AND IT SUGGESTS AS WE DO,
19 IF YOU COMPLETELY LOSE SIGHT OF THE SUBJECT YOU'RE CHASING,
20 SLOW DOWN AND BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS. DON'T OVERLOOK THE IMPORTANCE
21 OF MAINTAINING YOUR SELF-CONTROL AND THE SENSE FOR CAUTION
22 THROUGHOUT A FOOT PURSUIT. YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO THROW ALL
23 CAUTION TO THE WIND AS YOU THROW YOURSELF BLINDLY AFTER YOUR
24 SUBJECT. AND SO OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE BASIS FOR OUR
25 RECOMMENDATIONS REALLY CAME FROM SURVIVING THE STREET, OFFICER



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1 SAFETY AND SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES, SO THAT I THINK THAT IF
2 THERE'S A QUARREL AT ALL WITH RESPECT TO OUR RECOMMENDATIONS,
3 THEY REALLY ARE ONES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BETWEEN THE
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PERHAPS, OR YOU AND THE F.B.I. WITH
5 RESPECT TO -- WITH RESPECT TO THE P.P.I., YOU DO RAISE
6 INTERESTING AND SERIOUS QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE P.P.I.
7 MY POINT WAS NOT SO MUCH, AT LEAST IN THIS REPORT, WHAT THE
8 P.P.I. WAS TRACKING AS REGARDS INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS, BUT,
9 RATHER, WHETHER OR NOT THIS VERY, VERY POWERFUL TOOL WAS BEING
10 USED APPROPRIATELY TO MANAGE THE RISK OF POLICE MISCONDUCT.
11 AFTER ALL, WHAT I'M HERE FOR, THE REASON THAT I'M YOUR SPECIAL
12 COUNSEL, IS TO TRY TO ALERT YOU TO RISKS OF EXPOSURE, RISKS OF
13 POSSIBLE LIABILITY. I DON'T SAY WHETHER THE SHERIFF'S
14 DEPARTMENT IS RIGHT OR WRONG, I DON'T CRITICIZE THE SHERIFF. I
15 GIVE YOU ADVICE AND TRY TO GIVE YOU THE BEST ADVICE I CAN WITH
16 RESPECT TO MANAGING THE RISK OF POLICE MISCONDUCT SO THAT TWO
17 THINGS CAN HAPPEN: ONE, FEWER OFFICERS ARE KILLED OR WOUNDED
18 IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND, TWO, FEWER SUSPECTS ARE INJURED. ONE
19 OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE ALWAYS
20 STRESSED AND IS ALMOST THE FUNDAMENTAL PREMISE UPON WHICH I
21 OPERATE IS THAT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE IS HOW TO CONDUCT
22 POLICE OPERATIONS IN THE SAFEST POSSIBLE WAY SO AS TO RESULT
23 IN FEWER INJURIES TO SUSPECTS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, AND I
24 STRESS, NOT COMPROMISING OFFICER SAFETY. SO WITH RESPECT TO
25 THE P.P.I., IT IS A VERY POWERFUL TOOL FOR DOING THAT. WE HAVE



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1 USED THE P.P.I. AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT
2 UNDERUTILIZES THE P.P.I., AND THAT WAS MY POINT. THE
3 UNDERUTILIZATION OF THE P.P.I. I THINK SHOWS UP IN A NUMBER OF
4 DIFFERENT WAYS. ANOTHER THING THAT I HAVE TO DISTRIBUTE HERE
5 IS THAT WE LOOKED AT ALL SETTLEMENTS AND JUDGMENTS. OVER
6 \$500,000 THAT THE COUNTY HAS HAD TO PAY ON SHERIFF'S
7 DEPARTMENT LITIGATION SINCE 1999. WHAT WE FOUND IN THOSE CASES
8 IS THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS PAID OUT \$35.7 MILLION
9 ON 20 PIECES OF LITIGATION, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS
10 NOT DISCIPLINED ONE SINGLE EMPLOYEE FOR THE UNDERLYING
11 INCIDENTS, ALTHOUGH ONE DEPUTY MAY HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO RESIGN
12 IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE. ONLY SIX INTERNAL AFFAIRS
13 INVESTIGATIONS WERE OPENED ON THESE INCIDENTS, AND OF THOSE,
14 ONLY FOUR RESULTED IN A COMPLETED INVESTIGATION. WE THINK THAT
15 IF THE P.P.I. HAD BEEN USED APPROPRIATELY AND THE DEPARTMENT
16 WAS MANAGING RISK, THOSE FIGURES WOULD HAVE COME TO THEIR
17 ATTENTION AND CAUSED SOME CONCERN. THE OTHER THING THAT'S
18 DISCLOSED BY THE P.P.I. THAT GIVES US SOME CONCERN IS THAT IN
19 EVERY YEAR UP TO 1999, THE L.A.P.D. HAD MORE OFFICER-INVOLVED
20 SHOOTINGS THAN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THEN IT STARTED TO GO
21 THE OTHER WAY. IN 2000, THE L.A.P.D. HAD 79 OFFICER-INVOLVED
22 SHOOTINGS; THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAD 84. IN 2001, THE
23 L.A.P.D. HAD 66; THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAD 80. IN 2002, THE
24 L.A.P.D. HAD 77; THE L.A.S.D. HAD 92. BY CONTRAST TO BOTH, THE
25 NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOT 37 PEOPLE IN 2002. KEEP IN



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1 MIND THE N.Y.P.D. HAS OVER 30,000 OFFICERS FOR A POPULATION OF
2 JUST UNDER 8 MILLION PEOPLE. THE L.A.P.D. HAS ABOUT 9,000
3 OFFICERS FOR A POPULATION OF JUST UNDER FOUR MILLION PEOPLE.
4 THE L.A.S.D. HAS ABOUT 9,000 OFFICERS FOR A POPULATION OF JUST
5 UNDER 3 MILLION PEOPLE, YET THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS
6 SHOOTING MORE PEOPLE THAN EITHER THE L.A.P.D. OR THE N.Y.P.D.
7 ALSO, ACCORDING TO THE L.A.S.D.'S OWN FIGURES, USE OF FORCE
8 HAS ALSO GONE UP, BOTH ABSOLUTELY AND AS A PERCENTAGE OF ALL
9 ARRESTS. ON THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THERE WERE 739
10 SIGNIFICANT FORCE INCIDENTS IN 2001, AND 1329, 1,329 IN 2002,
11 A 79.8% JUMP. EQUALLY WORRISOME, THE USE OF SIGNIFICANT FORCE
12 FOR EACH HUNDRED ARRESTS RESULTING IN HOSPITALIZATION OR DEATH
13 OF SUSPECTS DOUBLED FROM 2001 TO 2002, A 100% JUMP. ALSO,
14 ACCORDING TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S OWN FIGURES AND
15 CHARTS, THE COUNTY PAID 2.9 MILLION IN JUDGMENTS AND
16 SETTLEMENTS ENFORCED CASES IN 2001. THAT FIGURE JUMPED TO 6.4
17 MILLION IN 2002. ALSO, WE TRACKED THE PERCENTAGE OF CANINE
18 BITES THAT RESULT WHEN THE L.A.S.D., THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
19 USES ITS POLICE DOGS. AFTER MANY YEARS OF HARD WORK, THE
20 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BROUGHT THAT PERCENTAGE DOWN FROM 27% IN
21 1991 TO A LOW OF 8.3% IN 1998. THAT NUMBER HAS BEEN GOING UP.
22 IN 2001, IT WAS BACK UP TO ABOUT 12%. 2002, IT JUMPED AGAIN TO
23 14% ACCORDING TO FIGURES PROVIDED ME YESTERDAY BY THE
24 DEPARTMENT. SO MY CONCLUSION THERE IS THAT THE P.P.I. IS AN
25 EXTRAORDINARILY POWERFUL INSTRUMENT THAT NEEDS TO BE USED FOR



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1 PURPOSES OF RISK MANAGEMENT, IT NEEDS TO BE USED TO SAVE THIS
2 COUNTY MONEY, IT NEEDS TO BE USED TO SAVE THE LIVES OF
3 OFFICERS, IT NEEDS TO BE USED TO SAVE THE LIVES ALSO OF
4 SUSPECTS. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST ONE FOLLOW-UP QUESTION TOO. THE REPORTS
9 THAT YOU REFERENCE TALK ABOUT THE IDEAL SITUATION, BUT IN A
10 PURSUIT OF A SUSPECT, YOU ARE DEALING WITH THE REAL WORLD.
11 USING THE IDEAL SITUATION, FINE. WE HAVE THE IDEAL SITUATION,
12 HOW THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CAN PASS A BUDGET. WE HAVE A TIME
13 LINE ON HOW THAT BUDGET IS TO BE PASSED, BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT
14 DOESN'T WORK. ON PAPER, IT DOES, BUT IN REALITY, IT DOESN'T.
15 SO IF YOU HAVE AN ARMED SUSPECT, YOU HAVE A TRAINED OFFICER,
16 HE HAS OR SHE HAS TO REACT WITH THEIR TRAINING TO PROTECT THE
17 LIFE AND THE PROPERTY, AND YOUR REPORT DID NOT MENTION,
18 ALTHOUGH YOU HAD A GRAPH THAT DID, ON THE P.P.I., THAT THERE
19 ARE MORE COMMENDATIONS THAN PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS BEING MADE.
20 AND AGAIN, WHEN YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS ON THE P.P.I., YOU HAVE
21 TO FOLLOW STATE LAW AND YOU CAN NOT VIOLATE THE RIGHTS OF
22 INDIVIDUALS. SECONDLY, TO RETAIN UNFOUNDED INFORMATION IS A
23 MAJOR MORALE FACTOR AND YOU DON'T USE UNFOUNDED
24 RECOMMENDATIONS OR ALLEGATIONS IN A COURT OF LAW AND WE



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1 SHOULDN'T USE THOSE AGAINST A SWORN POLICE OFFICER. THOSE ARE
2 MY POINTS.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAD ASKED TO SPEAK
5 AND THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE. I HAD ONE SHORT QUESTION ON THE
6 P.P.I. THAT I -- BUT GO RIGHT AHEAD.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK
9 MERRICK BOBB FOR THE REPORT, AND I HAVE TO JUST EXPRESS A
10 LITTLE BIT OF DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE REACTION TO THE REPORT,
11 BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I FOUND WHEN I CAME OVER HERE A
12 LITTLE OVER EIGHT YEARS AGO WAS REALLY A UNIQUE COLLABORATIVE
13 NON-DEFENSIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
14 AND THE SPECIAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE. IT WAS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR
15 COMPARED TO WHAT WE HAD AT THE L.A.P.D., AND THE RESULTS
16 SHOWED IT, AND I THINK I WON'T REPEAT WHAT MERRICK BOBB HAS
17 SAID. THE RESULTS HERE AT THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
18 WERE CONSIDERABLY BETTER ON ALMOST EVERY CATEGORY THAN THEY
19 WERE AT THE L.A.P.D., AND WE DON'T HAVE TO RECOUNT WHAT'S
20 HAPPENED AT THE L.A.P.D. OVER THE YEARS UNTIL RECENTLY. WHEN
21 THIS REPORT CAME OUT, AND NOT JUST THIS REPORT, BUT, ACTUALLY,
22 THE LAST COUPLE OF REPORTS THAT MERRICK HAS PUT FORWARD,
23 THERE'S BEEN A TINGE IF NOT MORE THAN A TINGE OF
24 DEFENSIVENESS, AND I SAY THIS NOT -- NOT TO SHAME OR EMBARRASS
25 THE DEPARTMENT, BUT, REALLY, IN A KIND OF A ADVISORY SORT OF



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1 WAY TO JUST TELL YOU WHAT I'M OBSERVING, IS THAT THERE'S BEEN
2 A DEFENSIVE REACTION TO WHAT HE SAID. NOW EITHER MERRICK IS
3 RIGHT OR HE'S WRONG OR HE'S SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN. ODDS ARE,
4 LIKE MOST OF US, HE'S PROBABLY A LITTLE BIT OF ALL OF THOSE
5 THINGS. THE RIGHT WAY TO RESPOND, IN MY VIEW, AND THE ONE THAT
6 DOES THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT THE MOST GOOD, THE TAXPAYERS AND
7 THE CITIZENRY THE MOST GOOD AND THIS BOARD THE MOST GOOD, IS
8 TO JUST DEAL WITH THE FACTS AND NOT GET INTO POLEMICS. I DON'T
9 LIKE IT WHEN MERRICK GETS INTO POLEMICS, AND HE'S DONE THAT ON
10 OCCASION, AND I SURE DON'T LIKE IT WHEN THE REACTION IS THE
11 SAME WAY. SO THAT'S A PREAMBLE TO WHAT I WANT TO SAY. THAT'S
12 WHY LAST WEEK OR IT WAS LAST WEEK OR TWO WEEKS AGO -- LAST
13 WEEK, WHEN THE REPORT CAME OUT, I ASKED THAT THE SHERIFF BACA
14 ASSIGN A TOP-LEVEL PERSON, AND I GATHER HE'S ASSIGNED
15 ASSISTANT IS IT -- ASSISTANT SHERIFF WALDY TO IT, ALTHOUGH THE
16 LETTER I HAVE -- FRANKLY, I WOULD'VE WRITTEN IT DIFFERENTLY,
17 BUT I'M NOT THE SHERIFF. "I HAVE ASSIGNED SHERIFF -- ASSISTANT
18 SHERIFF LARRY WALDY TO LEAD A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF MR.
19 BOBB'S DOCUMENT TO PROVIDE ME, THE SHERIFF, A FULL SET OF
20 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN TWO WEEKS." WHAT I WAS
21 HOPING FOR, AND I HOPE THAT IT'S NOT PRECLUDED IN THIS LETTER,
22 IS THAT THE SHERIFF WILL HAVE ASSISTANT SHERIFF WALDY WORK
23 COLLABORATIVELY WITH MERRICK AS MIKE GRAHAM, THE ASSISTANT
24 SHERIFF UNDER SHERMAN BLOCK DID. ONE OF THE REASONS I BELIEVE
25 THAT THE SHERIFF -- THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS SO ADVANCED



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1 IN THIS FIELD WAS BECAUSE OF THE PROFESSIONAL -- PERSONAL AND
2 PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT THAT MIKE GRAHAM HAD TO THIS WHEN HE
3 WAS IN THAT POSITION, AND I THINK YOU CAN'T UNDERESTIMATE
4 THAT. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT HAPPENS. NOW LET ME JUST SAY A WORD
5 ABOUT THE P.P.I. AND THE PURSUITS. YOU KNOW, P.P.I., OR
6 WHATEVER YOU CALL IT IN VARIOUS OTHER DEPARTMENTS, IS NEVER
7 POPULAR WITH THE RANK AND FILE. NOBODY LIKES TO BE HELD
8 ACCOUNTABLE. NO MATTER WHAT LINE OF WORK THEY'RE IN. THE LESS
9 PEOPLE THAT ARE WATCHING OVER THEIR SHOULDER, THE BETTER THEY
10 FEEL. BUT THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION THAT I'M AWARE OF IN
11 AMERICA WHERE YOU WOULD HAVE OVER \$30 MILLION IN JUDGMENTS OR
12 SETTLEMENTS AND HAVE NO DISCIPLINE, NO APPARENT DISCIPLINE
13 THAT WE'RE AWARE OF, METED OUT. I DON'T THINK YOU'D FIND THAT
14 EVEN IN THE COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS ITS OWN SET
15 OF PROBLEMS, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE IT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.
16 NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT'S A MUCH MORE RUTHLESS WORLD. SOMEBODY WHO
17 COST A COMPANY A FEW MILLION DOLLARS IN ONE INCIDENT PROBABLY
18 DOESN'T HAVE A JOB THE NEXT DAY, I WOULD IMAGINE, IT'S NOT THE
19 WAY IT IS HERE. BUT TO HAVE NO DISCIPLINE AT ALL DOESN'T MEET
20 THE SMELL TEST, DOES IT? IT JUST DOESN'T. NOT EVERYTHING CAN
21 JUST BE AN HONEST MISTAKE. ON THE STATISTICAL PROBABILITIES,
22 AND I'M NOT SAYING ANY ONE CASE WAS THAT WAY, BUT ON THE
23 STATISTICAL PROBABILITIES, WE'D BE NUTS TO SAY, "OH, THAT'S
24 NORMAL ORDER OF BUSINESS," \$35 MILLION IN JUDGMENTS AND
25 SETTLEMENTS, NOT ONE PERSON HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR IT, NOT ONE



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1 PERSON WAS NEGLIGENT. WE ALL SIT ON THE M.T.A. BOARD. WE KNOW
2 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A BUS DRIVER -- WITH ALL OF OUR BUS DRIVER
3 PROBLEMS AND ALL OF OUR ACCIDENT PROBLEMS THERE WHERE WE HAVE
4 OUR BIGGEST LIABILITY. SOME OF THEM ACTUALLY DO GET
5 DISCIPLINED. SO, SO I JUST THINK THAT, NUMBER ONE,
6 ACCOUNTABILITY IS CRITICAL AND P.P.I. HAS BEEN ONE OF THE
7 PRINCIPAL VEHICLES FOR HOLDING POLICE OFFICERS, DEPUTY
8 SHERIFFS ACCOUNTABLE. I KNOW THE UNION DOESN'T LIKE IT, I KNOW
9 THE INDIVIDUAL SHERIFFS DON'T LIKE IT, BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU
10 LEARN TO LIVE WITH IT, AS WE ALL DO, IN OUR OWN WALKS OF LIFE
11 WHEN WE'RE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, I THINK
12 IT'S A LITTLE EARLY IF THE L.A.P.D. WILL SEE HOW IT GOES, YOU
13 KNOW, THEY'VE HAD TROUBLE IMPLEMENTING THAT, BUT I KNOW THAT
14 HERE IN L.A., THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THAT WE
15 HAVE -- WE'VE HAD SUCCESS WHEN THE P.P.I. WAS BEING ADHERED
16 TO, THAT'S WHAT MERRICK'S REPORT SAYS, AND IT'S BEEN ALLOWED
17 TO SLIP. AND I THINK WHAT HE'S BASICALLY SAYING, AND IT OUGHT
18 TO BE TAKEN THIS WAY, IS KIND OF A WAKE-UP CALL TO THE
19 DEPARTMENT, JUST THINGS HAVE BEEN SLIPPING, LET'S GET BACK ON
20 TRACK, AND, YOU KNOW, AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE THE
21 APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. THE LAST THING I WANT TO SAY IS ON THE
22 TACTICS, WHETHER IT'S FOOT PURSUITS OR ANYTHING ELSE, I
23 REMEMBER 20 YEARS AGO, WE GOT INVOLVED WHEN I WAS -- ACTUALLY
24 CHAIRED THE POLICE COMMITTEE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME UNTIL
25 THEY KICKED ME OFF 'CAUSE I WAS TOO INDEPENDENT, I GUESS, OR



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1 WHATEVER I WAS, WE HAD A PROBLEM WITH CHOKE HOLDS, UPPER, WHAT
2 DO YOU CALL IT -- CAROTID ARTERY CHOKE HOLDS. AND OBVIOUSLY
3 THE FIRST CONCERN WE HAD WAS IT WAS KILLING A LOT OF YOUNG
4 MEN, AND -- WHO -- IT WAS A LETHAL -- IT WAS A LETHAL
5 TECHNIQUE, AS LETHAL AS A GUN. IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME
6 CORRECTLY, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 15 AND 20 YOUNG MEN HAD DIED IN A
7 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE POLICE
8 DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE COMMISSION, OVER THE OBJECTIONS THE
9 THEN CHIEF OF POLICE, SUSPENDED THE CHOKE HOLD. WHAT WE FOUND
10 WHEN WE INVESTIGATED THE CHOKE HOLD IS IT WASN'T ONLY
11 DANGEROUS FOR THE, UNNECESSARILY DANGEROUS FOR THE SUSPECT,
12 UNNECESSARILY DANGEROUS, WE ALSO FOUND THAT IT WAS PUTTING OUR
13 OFFICERS IN HARM'S WAY, BECAUSE WHEN AN OFFICER GOT INTO AN
14 PHYSICAL ALTERCATION WITH 15 POUNDS OF EQUIPMENT, BULLETS AND
15 GUNS AND BELTS AND HANDCUFFS DANGLING ALL OVER THE PLACE, PLUS
16 HIS UNIFORM AND HIS BADGE AND ALL THAT STUFF, AND HE GETS INTO
17 AN ALTERCATION WITH SOMEBODY, ESPECIALLY SOMEBODY WHO'S ON
18 DRUGS, IN THOSE DAYS, P.C.P. WAS WHAT WAS CAUSING ALL THE
19 PROBLEMS, SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH, THAT OUR OFFICERS WERE GETTING
20 HURT. SO I WOULD HAVE REACTED TO THE AND THAT'S HOW I DID
21 REACT WHEN I READ THE PIECE ON THE FOOT PURSUITS, IS I DON'T
22 THINK HE'S SAYING, AND I CERTAINLY DON'T THINK ANY OF US WOULD
23 SAY NO FOOT PURSUITS, BUT JUST LIKE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL TELL OUR CITIZENRY, HARDEN THE
25 TARGET, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE, LEAVE YOUR LIGHT



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1 ON, LOCK THE DOOR, HAVE A DEADBOLT LOCK, DO ALL THE THINGS
2 THAT HARDEN YOU AS A TARGET SO YOU'LL REDUCE THE PROBABILITY
3 OF BEING VICTIMIZED BY A BURGLAR OR SOMETHING ELSE. I THINK
4 ALL HE'S SAYING IS HARDEN YOUR TARGET SO THAT YOU REDUCE THE
5 PROBABILITY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET HURT, THAT YOU'RE GOING
6 TO PUT YOURSELF IN HARM'S WAY OR GET YOURSELF INTO A SITUATION
7 WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO THEN BE FORCED TO USE EVEN MORE LETHAL
8 FORCE, WHICH, IF YOU HAD JUST THOUGHT AHEAD OF TIME, THOUGHT
9 ABOUT IT AHEAD OF TIME, MIGHT HAVE AVERTED THE WHOLE
10 SITUATION, WHICH ENDS UP COULD COST US, LIKE IT OR NOT COST US
11 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, SOMETIMES IN ONE INCIDENT. AND AGAIN,
12 LIKE IT OR NOT, I'M NOT PASSING JUDGMENT ON THIS BECAUSE I'M
13 AS FRUSTRATED AS ANYBODY ELSE IS ON SOME OF THE LAWSUITS THAT
14 WE GET AND THE JUDGMENTS THAT WE GET, BUT THE FACT IS THAT
15 WE'VE HAD COURTS RULE AGAINST OUR POLICE DEPARTMENTS ALL OVER
16 THE STATE AND ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, YOU KNOW, VIRTUALLY SAYING
17 THE BURGLAR HAS RIGHTS. YOU KNOW, IT'S ALMOST LIKE THE BURGLAR
18 HAS MORE RIGHTS SOMETIMES THAN LAW ABIDING CITIZENS AND WE'RE
19 LIABLE FOR DOING SOMETHING IN THE COURSE OF A PURSUIT OR
20 SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT THAT'S
21 WHAT'S COMING DOWN AND SINCE WE'RE THE ONES WRITING THE
22 CHECKS, ALL OF US COLLECTIVELY ARE WRITING THE CHECKS WE NEED
23 TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. SO THE LAST THING I'LL SAY AND
24 I'LL SHUT UP, I WELCOME THESE KINDS OF CRITIQUES, BECAUSE
25 THEY'LL EITHER STAND ON THEIR OWN MERITS OR THEY'LL FALL, AND



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1 I THINK THIS IS THE KIND OF INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS THAT THE
2 COLT'S COMMISSION ENVISIONED, THIS IS THE KIND OF INDEPENDENT
3 ANALYSIS THAT THIS BOARD AND THIS COUNTY GOVERNMENT NEEDS,
4 THIS IS THE KIND OF INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS AND STRAIGHT TALK,
5 USUALLY STRAIGHT TALK THAT THE TAXPAYERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
6 EXPECT FROM ITS GOVERNMENT. I CAN'T SAY THAT WE'VE HAD THE
7 SAME ACROSS THE BOARD WITH SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS, IT'S
8 STILL A WORKS IN PROGRESS HERE BUT, AND FOR A VARIETY OF
9 REASONS, BUT ON THIS FRONT I THINK WE SHOULD WELCOME AND NOT
10 TRY TO DISCOURAGE OR MUZZLE THESE KINDS OF CRITIQUES. AND I
11 KNOW THE SHERIFF WANTS TO ADDRESS THIS FORTHRIGHTLY. I'VE
12 TALKED TO HIM ABOUT THIS MANY, MANY TIMES, I KNOW HE HAS
13 EXHIBITED MORE COURAGE IN THAT REGARD THAN JUST ABOUT ANY LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT CHIEF I KNOW, WHICH IS WHY THE REACTION TO THIS
15 PARTICULAR REPORT KIND OF PUZZLED ME. SO I HOPE THAT YOU GUYS
16 WILL GET TOGETHER, WORK COLLABORATIVELY, NOT JUST EVALUATE AND
17 CRITIQUE THE REPORT BUT WHERE THERE'S VALUE IN THE REPORT
18 IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS, WHERE THERE'S NOT, HAVE A
19 DISCUSSION ABOUT IT, MERRICK IS NOT AN UNREASONABLE MAN. THANK
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK AS IT RELATES TO PURSUITS ANYWAY I THINK
25 WE HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING ABLE TO ANALYZE AND SIT HERE



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1 AND, YOU KNOW, READ A BOOK OR WHATEVER IT MAY BE, BUT A LOT OF
2 THESE DECISIONS ARE MADE INSTANTANEOUSLY AND THAT, YOU KNOW,
3 GOES INTO THE TRAINING. THE QUESTION I HAVE AS IT RELATES TO
4 P.P.I. IS THE FACT IS IT'S A RISK MANAGEMENT TOOL. AND WITH
5 OUR NEW RISK MANAGER ON BOARD, I MEAN, SHOULDN'T -- MAY I ASK
6 THIS OF THE C.A.O. OR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, I MEAN
7 SHOULDN'T OUR NEW RISK MANAGER BE PART OF ANY ANALYSIS OF THE
8 P.P.I. SINCE IT'S A RISK MANAGEMENT TOOL AND, YOU KNOW, GIVE
9 US BACK RECOMMENDATIONS OR TO FIND AND WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT, BUT I WOULD THINK THAT THAT WOULD BE A GOOD START
11 SINCE YOU HAVE, I MEAN THAT'S THE WHOLE PURPOSE. IF YOU WANT
12 TO --.

13

14 **COMMANDER BILL MCSWEENEY:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, I'M COMMANDER BILL
15 MCSWEENEY, I'M REPRESENTING THE SHERIFF THIS MORNING. AND YOUR
16 NEW RISK MANAGER, ROCKY ARMFIELD HAS BEEN WITH US ON A NUMBER
17 OF OCCASIONS IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS WORKING ON EXACTLY
18 WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** AS IT RELATES TO HIS REPORT THEN TOO?

21

22 **COMMANDER BILL MCSWEENEY:** YES, MANY OF THE ISSUES IN HIS
23 REPORT. THE ENTIRE RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUE, CIVIL LITIGATION,
24 THOSE THINGS THAT BRING ABOUT CIVIL LITIGATION, THE POLICIES
25 THAT MAY NEED RE-EXAMINATION AND MODIFICATION TO MINIMIZE



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1 THOSE. ALSO THE OVERALL PROCESS OF CIVIL DEFENSE, THE NATURE
2 OF DISCOVERY AND THE WAY WE USE OUR PERSONNEL AND
3 INVESTIGATORS TO ASSIST DISCOVERY AND EXAMINE THESE EVENTS
4 WHEN THEY OCCUR TO ASSIST THE LAWYERS AS THE LITIGATION
5 UNFOLDS. WE HAVE INVOLVED ROCKY ARMFIELD ALMOST SINCE HIS
6 FIRST MONTH OF HIRE -- OR FIRST WEEK OF HIRE TO BEGIN WORK ON
7 THIS AND I THINK MR. BOBB IS AWARE OF THAT.

8

9 **MERICK BOBB:** I AM, I'M DELIGHTED BY IT. I THINK THAT THAT
10 REPRESENTS A STEP FORWARD AND I THINK THAT IT WILL MEAN THAT
11 ROCKY, WORKING TOGETHER WITH ME, WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE
12 DEPARTMENT, MAY BE ABLE TO NOW START TO HAVE A REAL IMPACT IN
13 TERMS OF EXPOSURE, RISK AND LIABILITY.

14

15 **SUPERVISOR KNABE:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE -- WELL FIRST
18 OF ALL, THE DELAY IN THE FILING OF SOME OF THESE P.P.I.S. I
19 UNDERSTAND THAT THREE OF THE DEPARTMENTS IN MY DISTRICT HAD
20 SOME OF THE REPORTS DOWN FROM 1996 HAD NOT BEEN FILED. HAVE
21 YOU LOOKED INTO THAT?

22

23 **COMMANDER BILL MCSWEENEY:** I'M NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THAT
24 PARTICULAR ISSUE, FROM 1996. I WOULD SAY THAT ONE OF THE
25 ISSUES -- AND SUPERVISOR YARSLOVSKY BROUGHT THAT UP, WAS A



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1 SENSE OF PERHAPS DEFENSIVENESS ABOUT THIS REPORT. I DON'T
2 THINK THAT THAT'S A FAIR CHARACTERIZATION OF THE SHERIFF'S
3 VIEW OF THIS OR OUR DEPARTMENT'S VIEW OF THIS, WE THINK HE HAS
4 ILLUMINATED A NUMBER OF THINGS WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT, HAVE
5 BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT AND ARE WORKING IN SOME CASES WITH HIM TO
6 RESOLVE. I THINK THE SHERIFF'S CONCERN IS THE CONTEXT THAT
7 SOMETIMES IS GIVEN WHEN YOU GIVE WHAT ARE FACTS BUT DOWN A
8 NARROW PATH. FOR EXAMPLE THE ISSUE YOU BRING UP. THERE ARE
9 MANY, MANY OF THESE REPORTS THAT ARE SIX MONTHS OLD IN TERMS
10 OF FINAL INCLUSION IN THE P.P.I.; HOWEVER WITHIN 48 HOURS
11 EVERY STATION COMMANDER ISSUES WHAT YOU WOULD CALL A SKELETAL
12 ENTRY INTO THE P.P.I., INDICATING THERE'S A COMPLAINT, WHO THE
13 PARTIES ARE INVOLVED, THE BASIC NATURE OF IT. SO IF A MANAGER
14 IS LOOKING AT THE P.P.I. TO EXAMINE THE CONDUCT OF A GIVEN
15 EMPLOYEE, THEY CAN SEE THAT THERE WAS ACTIVITY DURING THAT
16 TIME FRAME AND GO BACK TO THE SOURCE DOCUMENTS. SO THE CONTEXT
17 OF SAYING THESE THINGS ARE INVISIBLE FOR SIX MONTHS IS A BIT
18 DISTORTING, NOT INTENTIONALLY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT, BUT IT
19 GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT THESE DELAYS ARE CAUSING GREAT HARM
20 AND OUR BELIEF IS THEY ARE CAUSING US DIFFICULTIES BUT NOT
21 GREAT HARM AND IN PART THE HARM IS CAUSED BY TEN VACANT
22 POSITIONS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS UNITS THAT
23 HAVE BEEN HELD FROZEN BECAUSE OF OUR CURRENT BUDGET TROUBLES.
24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH WELL LET'S JUST TAKE THE IMPACT WEAPON
2 ISSUE.

3
4 **COMMANDER BILL MCSWEENEY:** YES.

5
6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE FACT THAT THIS REPORT -- AND I GATHER
7 THERE'S NO ONE WHO DISPUTES IT, THAT THERE HAS BEEN WIDE USE
8 OF FLASHLIGHTS, AS IMPACT WEAPONS, RATHER THAN USING OTHER --
9 WHETHER IT'S A BATON AND I GATHER YOU HAVE SPECIAL BATONS THAT
10 CAN BE USED. AND THE NUMBERS -- IF THEY HADN'T HAD THE P.P.I.
11 AND HADN'T HAD THIS REPORT I WONDER WOULD WE HAVE JUST GONE ON
12 AND ON USING FLASHLIGHTS AND NO ONE EVER CHANGED? I MEAN
13 BECAUSE NOW YOU HAVE TAKEN SOME ACTION TO STOP SOME OF THE USE
14 OF FLASHLIGHTS, RIGHT?

15
16 **COMMANDER BILL MCSWEENEY:** WELL WE ARE EXAMINING THAT ISSUE. I
17 DON'T THINK IT'S QUITE AS SIMPLE AS YOU'VE CHARACTERIZE IT, IT
18 IS A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT ISSUE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT,
19 WHEN AN OFFICER IS HOLDING A FLASH FLIGHT AND A SUSPECT
20 SUDDENLY BECOMES COMBATIVE. WHAT'S IN YOUR HAND BECOMES A
21 PRETTY TEMPTING WEAPON TO USE BECAUSE OF ITS IMMEDIATE
22 AVAILABILITY. THERE IS NO QUESTION WE HAVE TO LOOK AT EACH ONE
23 OF THOSE VERY CLOSELY AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO MISUSE THAT
24 WEAPON IS QUITE GREAT. BUT TAKING THAT WEAPON OF IMMEDIATE
25 DEFENSE AWAY FROM AN OFFICER IS A DIFFICULT DECISION FOR AN



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1 AGENCY TO MAKE. REFINING THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND TRAINING IS THE
2 BEST OPTION AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT MR. BOBB HAS RECOMMENDED.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND COULD YOU RESPOND TO THAT? DID YOU LOOK
5 AT EACH ONE OF THOSE AND DETERMINE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OR HAVE
6 YOU HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THEM OR IS THAT INFORMATION
7 AVAILABLE?

8

9 **MERICK BOBB:** WELL THAT INFORMATION'S ### PHIL START HERE ##
10 AVAILABLE. THAT'S ONE OF THE POWERFUL THINGS ABOUT THE P.P.I.,
11 IS THAT YOU CAN SAY "GIVE ME EVERY INSTANCE IN WHICH THE FLASH
12 FLIGHT WAS USED AS IMPACT WEAPON AS CONTRASTED TO A BATON OR
13 CONTRASTED TO SOMETHING ELSE." AND WHAT WE FOUND AND ALL THAT
14 WE SUGGESTED IN THE REPORT IS EXACTLY AS COMMANDER MCSWEENEY
15 SAID. WE FOUND THAT THE FLASHLIGHTS WERE BEING USED AS IMPACT
16 WEAPONS FAR MORE FREQUENTLY THAN WE EVER THOUGHT WAS POSSIBLE
17 AND WE KNOW THE FLASHLIGHTS AS IMPACT WEAPONS CAN CAUSE
18 SERIOUS INJURY. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE TRAINING WITHIN THE
19 DEPARTMENT AND THE TRAINING AT THE ACADEMY AND THE TRAINING
20 ELSEWHERE AND WHAT THE DEPUTIES ARE TAUGHT ARE TO USE THE
21 BATONS AND TO HOLD THE FLASHLIGHTS FOR ONLY EMERGENCY
22 SITUATIONS. ALL WE'RE DOING IS RAISING A QUESTION. WHY SHOULD
23 THIS BE THE CASE? AND I THINK THAT AS COMMANDER MCSWEENEY
24 SAYS, AND I MUST TELL YOU THAT COMMANDER MCSWEENEY, IN ALL MY
25 EXPERIENCE WITH HIM, HAS BEEN UPFRONT, STRAIGHT-ON AND HAS



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1 WORKED COOPERATIVELY WITH ME TO HELP ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. I
2 THINK WE'LL GET THIS ONE ANSWERED.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU KNOW, THE OFFICER HAS TWO HANDS, TWO
5 HANDS, ONE HAND AT NIGHT, IT'S NOT FOR THE BATON IT'S FOR
6 FLASHLIGHT SO HE CAN SEE WHERE HE'S GOING OR CAN WATCH THE
7 SUSPECT. THE SECOND HAND IS FOR HIS GUN IF HE NEEDS TO DRAW
8 IT. YOU CAN'T HAVE AN OFFICER WITH ONE HAND HAVING A
9 FLASHLIGHT AND THE OTHER HAND A BATON --.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT IF HE'S GOING TO DRAW A GUN WITH THAT
12 HAND HE COULD DRAW A BATON WITH IT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF THE SUSPECT HAS A GUN THE BATON IS
15 GOING TO BE WORTHLESS. BUT THE POINT IS THE SHERIFF USES THE
16 FLASHLIGHT IN TRAINING AS A DEFENSIVE WEAPON, SO THEY ARE
17 TRAINED. AND AGAIN YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE OF SITTING
18 BACK AND DRAWING UP A CONCLUSION ON THE FACTS WHERE WE WERE
19 NOT IN THOSE SHOES OF THE OFFICER. THAT'S WHY IT MAKES MORE
20 SENSE, IF YOU HAVE A GROUP OF RETIRED OFFICERS WHO ARE DOING
21 THE OVERVIEWS TO HAVE THESE CRITIQUES. AND AGAIN, I GO BACK TO
22 THE STATE BUDGET. WE KNOW HOW TO PASS A STATE BUDGET. WE KNOW
23 WE CAN DO IT BY THE END OF A PARTICULAR FISCAL YEAR BUT THE
24 REALITY, IT DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK THAT WAY AND IN REALITY, WHEN
25 YOU HAVE A FLASHLIGHT AND A FREE HAND FOR YOUR PROTECTION, IF



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1 YOU HAVE TO DRAW YOUR WEAPON, YOU CAN'T ALSO HAVE A BATON
2 HANGING BY AND THAT'S WHY THE DEPARTMENT HAS TRAINING WITH THE
3 FLASHLIGHT AS A DEFENSIVE MECHANISM.

4

5 **COMMANDER BILL MCSWEENEY:** LET ME ASK JULIO THOMPSON WHO IS
6 SITTING HERE BESIDE ME AND LOOKED INTO THIS ISSUE BRIEFLY TO
7 RESPOND.

8

9 **JULIO THOMPSON:** GOOD MORNING, OUR WORK ON --

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

12

13 **JULIO THOMPSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. OUR WORK ON THE P.P.I. DATA
14 REGARDING BATONS AND FLASHLIGHTS AROSE OUT OF THE FACT THAT
15 WHEN WE WERE DISCUSSING BATON AND FLASHLIGHT TRAINING WITH
16 MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S FORCE TRAINING UNIT, WE ASKED THEM TO
17 GIVE US APPROXIMATE NUMBERS FOR HOW OFTEN FLASH FLIGHTS WERE
18 USED AND HOW OFTEN BATONS, PARTICULARLY A RELATIVELY RECENTLY-
19 INTRODUCED BATON, THE ASP, A RETRACTABLE BATON WERE USED.
20 THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN THE TRAINING UNIT COULDN'T PROVIDE AN
21 ANSWER AT ALL, AND INDEED THEY COULDN'T TELL US HOW MANY ASPs
22 WERE IN THE FIELD. AND SO WE TURNED TO THE P.P.I. TO SEE IF WE
23 COULD FIND OUT WHETHER THIS NEWLY-INTRODUCED WEAPON WAS BEING
24 USED AS A REPLACEMENT FOR OUR BATONS AND FOR THE SIDE-HANDLE
25 BATON. WHAT WE FOUND IS THAT THE BATONS WERE NOT BEING USED OR



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1 CERTAINLY WEREN'T BEING RECORDED AS BEING USED, EVEN THOUGH
2 OFFICERS HAD BEEN GIVEN A GOOD DEAL OF TRAINING ON USING THEM.
3 AND OFFICERS CONTINUED TO USE FLASHLIGHTS EVEN IN SITUATIONS
4 WHERE ONE MIGHT NOT NECESSARILY BE EXPECTED TO CARRY A
5 FLASHLIGHT. THERE ARE QUITE A FEW FLASHLIGHT IMPACT CASES THAT
6 OCCUR IN THE BRIGHT OF DAY. DEPUTIES IN THE JAIL FACILITIES
7 CARRY FLASHLIGHTS AS AN IMPACT WEAPON BUT DO NOT CARRY BATONS
8 AS AN IMPACT WEAPON. SO THE ONLY IMPACT WEAPON AVAILABLE TO
9 DEPUTIES IN THE JAILS IS A FLASHLIGHT, WHICH THE DEPARTMENT'S
10 OWN TRAINING DESCRIBES AS AN IMPACT WEAPON OF LAST RESORT. AND
11 SO OUR REPORT MERELY ADVOCATED THAT ACCESS TO THE P.P.I. BE
12 GIVEN TO THE FORCE TRAINING PEOPLE SO THAT THEY COULD LOOK AT
13 THE NUMBERS AND SEE HOW THE WEAPONS FOR WHICH THEIR TRAINING
14 OFFICERS ARE ACTUALLY BEING USED IN THE STREET AND FOR THEM TO
15 EVALUATE WHETHER THEY NEEDED ADDITIONAL TRAINING, WHETHER
16 OTHER WEAPON ALTERNATIVES SUCH AS PLASTIC OR SMALLER
17 FLASHLIGHTS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. WE DIDN'T MAKE THOSE JUDGMENTS
18 IN THE REPORT; WE SIMPLY ASKED THAT THE FORCE TRAINING UNIT BE
19 GIVEN THE CHARGE TO WORK THE P.P.I., TO ACTIVELY MINE THE
20 P.P.I., TO LOOK AT THESE NUMBERS AND SEE IF THEY ON THEIR OWN
21 CAN FIND THOSE TRENDS ARISING. WE SIMPLY IDENTIFIED ONE TREND
22 WE THOUGHT WAS STARTLING BUT WE DIDN'T MAKE ANY JUDGMENTS
23 ABOUT ANY INDIVIDUAL FLASHLIGHT OR BATON CASE. WE SIMPLY SAID
24 THE NUMBERS WERE SURPRISING AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE
25 LOOKING, AS A REGULAR MATTER, INTO STATISTICS SUCH AS THESE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL NEEDLESS TO SAY I'M ALSO VERY
3 CONCERNED ABOUT THE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS AND THE NUMBER
4 THAT HAVE OCCURRED -- HAVE AT ONE TIME IT WENT DOWN IN CENTURY
5 STATION. I UNDERSTAND IT'S BACK UP IN CENTURY STATION, IS THAT
6 CORRECT?

7

8 **COMMANDER BILL MCSWEENEY:** THEY HAVE GONE UP. I THINK THIS YEAR
9 THEY'RE DOWN A LITTLE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR BUT YES THEY ARE UP
10 OVER WHAT, I THINK YOU'RE REMEMBERING AS YEAR 2000, WHERE THEY
11 WERE REMARKABLY LOW.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, SO I HOPE WE ARE TAKING SOME OF THESE
14 RECOMMENDATIONS SERIOUSLY AND I JUST WONDER HOW MUCH WOULD IT
15 COST TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS THEY'RE SET
16 FORTH BY THE BOBB REPORT?

17

18 **JULIO THOMPSON:** WELL I THINK THE TWO MOST EXPENSIVE ONES THAT
19 JUMP TO MIND IN TERMS OF THAT REPORT -- AND WE'RE STILL
20 EXAMINING THIS SO I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO THINK THERE'S SOME
21 FINALITY BUT THERE ARE TEN VACANCIES IN WHAT WE CALL OUR
22 CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS UNIT THAT CAUSES US ALL KINDS OF
23 DIFFERENT DIFFICULTIES, SOME AS MR. BOBB POINTS OUT IN DELAYS
24 IN ENTERING P.P.I. DATA, SOME IN TERMS OF OUR PREPARATION FOR
25 CIVIL DEFENSE AS IT RELATES TO DISCOVERY AND FIELD



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1 INVESTIGATIONS OF CIVIL SITUATIONS THAT SHOULD BE LOOKED AT
2 THE MINUTE THEY HAPPEN SO --.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SWORN OR NON SWORN?

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6 **JULIO THOMPSON:** THE POSITIONS ARE NON SWORN, YEAH, BUT THEY
7 ARE BEING TIED UP BY SWORN PEOPLE SOMETIMES BECAUSE OF THAT
8 FREEZE ON THOSE HIRINGS. THE SECOND ONE HAS TO DO WITH WHAT WE
9 CALL THE LASER VILLAGE TRAINING, COMBAT WEAPONS TRAINING THAT
10 BUILDS THE CONFIDENCE OF OUR OFFICERS. MR. BOBB POINTED OUT
11 THAT TRAINING IS QUITE EXCELLENT BUT WE ARE UNABLE TO GET OUR
12 PEOPLE THROUGH IT AS OFTEN AS WE LIKE. VERY, VERY EXPENSIVE
13 TRAINING, PEOPLE HAVE TO BE BACKED UP IN THE FIELD FOR THAT
14 DAY OF TRAINING, IN OUR ESTIMATION IT'S WELL WORTH THAT
15 INVESTMENT AND CERTAINLY LIVES ARE AT STAKE, BOTH OUR DEPUTIES
16 AND THE PUBLICS' BY RAISING THE CONFIDENCE SKILL OF OUR
17 OFFICERS AND I COULDN'T PUT A PRICE TAG ON THAT BUT DOUBLING
18 OR TRIPLING THE AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE TRAINING WOULD CERTAINLY
19 BE DESIRABLE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DO WE SPEND ON THAT NOW?

22

23 **JULIO THOMPSON:** I COULD NOT TELL YOU BUT I'M SURE IT'S SEVERAL
24 MILLION DOLLARS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WELL I JUST -- ARE THERE ANY
2 OTHER QUESTIONS? YES, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST OVERALL TO SPEAK ABOUT THESE REPORTS BECAUSE
5 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. THE ISSUE FOR US, AS MEMBERS OF THIS
6 BOARD, IS CERTAINLY NOT TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF WHEN AN
7 OFFICER SHOULD REACT IN A CERTAIN WAY. THAT IS LEFT TO LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS AND OFFICIALS. BUT WE HAVE A DUTY,
9 AND IT'S PART OF THE BALANCE THAT WE HAVE, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT
10 AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS THAT YOU'RE PUTTING POLICIES IN
11 PLACE THAT ARE EFFECTIVE AND THAT THOSE POLICIES ARE ANALYZED
12 AND UTILIZED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF WHAT WORKS, WHAT WORKS
13 BEST, NOT ONLY IN THE INTEREST OF OUR OFFICERS BUT ALSO IN THE
14 INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHAT WE DO AND THAT'S THE
15 BALANCE HERE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS BEEN HELPFUL HAS BEEN
16 THIS SORT OF PROCESS OF AUDITING. IT BRINGS BALANCE. AND I
17 THINK THAT AS THIS REPORT IS WRITTEN AND AS WE LOOK AT IT,
18 AGAIN IT ISN'T THE END-ALL, IT IS JUST A REPORT. IT DOESN'T
19 BECOME A LIVING DOCUMENT UNTIL THE SHERIFF EMBRACES IT AND
20 SAID HERE'S THINGS WE SHOULD LOOK AT, HERE'S THINGS WE SHOULD
21 IMPLEMENT, HERE'S THINGS WE SHOULD ANALYZE AND HERE'S THINGS
22 THAT WE SHOULD UNDERTAKE TO CHANGE AND MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE.
23 THAT'S, I THINK, THE PARTNERSHIP WE'RE HOPING TO ESTABLISH
24 HERE. BECAUSE THE REALITY IS, IS THAT WE NEED TO ASSURE THE
25 PUBLIC THAT THEY'RE GETTING THE BEST OF SERVICES. LAW



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1 ENFORCEMENT NEEDS TO ASSURE US THAT THEY ARE PUTTING IN PLACE
2 POLICIES THAT ARE PROTECTIVE FOR EVERYBODY INVOLVED IN IT, IT
3 ISN'T JUST A MATTER OF PAYING OUT A LOT OF LAWSUITS BUT
4 LOOKING AND WORKING AT IT. AND THAT'S WHY I THINK THE P.P.I.
5 IS ONE OF THE SYSTEMS THAT SHOULD BE UTILIZED AND PROBABLY ONE
6 OF THE MOST ESSENTIAL TOOLS THAT THE DEPARTMENT COULD USE.
7 THAT'S WHY FOR US, IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE SHERIFF WILL
8 EMBRACE IT, NOT JUST TO LOOK AT IT AND SAY "OH THEY'RE
9 CRITICIZING IT, OH THEY'RE PRESENTING MISREPRESENTATIONS, OH,
10 WE NEED TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER ANY OF THIS IS TRUE." I THINK
11 WE ARE MORE INTERESTED IN FINDING THAT WAY TO BUILD THAT
12 PARTNERSHIP AND TO MAKE IT STRONGER.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST ONE SENTENCE --

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK THAT SHE'S COMPLETED.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OH I'M SORRY.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK ANOTHER POINT THAT IN
23 ABSENCE OF WEAPONS --

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** I NEED TO SPEAK FASTER I GUESS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL YOU DO PRETTY WELL.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT BUT LET ME JUST
5 FINISH. THE ISSUE AGAIN IS HOW DOES THIS WORK? THERE'S BEEN
6 MANY REPORTS THAT MERICK BOBB HAS WRITTEN AND, YOU KNOW, THE
7 OTHER THING IS THAT WE HAVEN'T GONE BACK TO AUDIT DID THIS GET
8 IMPLEMENTED, DID THAT GET IMPLEMENTED, WHAT HAPPENED HERE. SO
9 I HOPE YOU WILL COMMUNICATE WITH THE SHERIFF. THIS IS PART OF
10 THE PARTNERSHIP. I CAN'T TELL HIM WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO DO IT.
11 THAT'S HIS JOB, HE'S AN ELECTED OFFICIAL LIKE I AM AND HE HAS
12 A DUTY TO THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS TO THE OFFICERS, AS WELL AS TO
13 THIS BOARD. SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE TRYING TO STRIKE THIS
14 PARTNERSHIP. ALL OF IT IS A PROCESS OF I GUESS GREATER
15 ACCOUNTABILITY OF HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS AND SO I SAW THE
16 LETTER, I WAS TROUBLED WITH THE WORDING ON IT BUT I AM HOPEFUL
17 THAT WHAT WE'RE COMMUNICATING TO THE SHERIFF IS THAT LET'S
18 BUILD ON THIS PARTNERSHIP, EVEN IF IN THE BEGINNING OF THIS
19 REPORT, WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT THE DANGEROUS FOOT PURSUITS, IT'S
20 VERY SIMILAR TO I GUESS WHAT L.A. CITY IS RIGHT NOW ANALYZING,
21 AS TO WHETHER THEY'RE GOING TO PURSUE THESE VEHICLES AND
22 CREATE DANGERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE. BUT EVEN FIRST HOW THIS IS
23 PRESENTED IN THE INTRODUCTION, IT HAS TWO QUOTES FROM LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS SAYING WE'RE NOT SO SURE THAT HOW IT'S
25 WORKING NOW IS EFFECTIVE FOR OUR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY OR FOR MY



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1 COLLEAGUES. AND SO I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO EMBRACE,
2 THAT THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP. YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WORD FOR WORD
3 AND I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT THE SHERIFF IS GOING TO BUY IT ALL,
4 BUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE INTENDED TO BE THOUGHTFUL AND
5 MERIT REVIEW. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY I HOPE WE DON'T HAVE TO GET
6 INTO A POINT OF POINT BY POINT BRINGING YOU BACK IN 60 DAYS,
7 IN 90 DAYS OR WHATEVER AND SAYING DID YOU DO THIS? WHY DIDN'T
8 YOU DO IT, HOW DID YOU DO IT, WHAT HAPPENED? I THINK IT'S PART
9 OF A PROCESS THAT WE ARE, AS A BOARD, EVER SINCE THE COLT'S
10 COMMISSION, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BUILD ON THAT
11 PARTNERSHIP. KEEP IN MIND THAT THE PUBLIC WAS ASKING US FOR
12 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT, THEY WERE ASKING US TO REVIEW ALL OF THESE
13 PROCESSES THAT THE BOARD SHOULD UNDERTAKE THAT AND ALL OF
14 THAT. WE HAVE LEFT IT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT TO MAKE THOSE
15 DETERMINATIONS. YOU SET YOUR OWN POLICIES. AGAIN WE WANT TO
16 MAKE SURE THESE POLICIES ARE PROTECTING THE INTEREST OF OUR
17 CITIZENS AND ALL THE RESIDENTS THAT WE SERVE AS WELL AS
18 PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF THE OFFICERS WHO ARE ON THE FRONT
19 LINE AND UNFORTUNATELY HAVING TO TAKE THE BULLETS FOR MOST OF
20 US. AND SO THAT'S THAT BALANCE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO STRIKE
21 HERE AND SO THAT'S WHY I'M HOPEFUL THAT YOU'LL TAKE A MESSAGE
22 BACK TO THE SHERIFF THAT WE'VE GOT TO BUILD ON THAT
23 PARTNERSHIP.
24



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1 **COMMANDER BILL MCSWEENEY:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA I DON'T THINK THE
2 SHERIFF WOULD DISAGREE WITH A WORD YOU SAID THERE, AS YOU KNOW
3 WE HAVE INVITED THIS INTROSPECTION EXAMINATIONS FOR A LONG
4 TIME. MIKE JUNAKO OVER AT THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW HAS
5 HELPED US ON MANY OF THESE PROJECTS THAT MR. BOBB IS BRINGING
6 UP IN HIS REPORT. SOME OF THEM, INTERESTINGLY IN THE LAST
7 REPORT HE WAS REASONABLY COMPLIMENTARY THAT WE WERE USING THE
8 P.P.I. IN A VERY POSITIVE WAY IN WHAT WE CALL PERFORMANCE
9 REVIEW, A LISTING OF SEVERAL HUNDRED OF OUR PEOPLE WHO HAVE
10 THE MOST ACTIVITY IN THE P.P.I., THAT WE EXAMINED ONE BY ONE
11 BY ONE AND HAVE A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THOSE WHO APPEAR TO BE
12 FALLING OFF THE RIGHT PATH IN TERMS OF JOB PERFORMANCE. SO WE
13 ARE NOT IGNORING THE P.P.I. WE RESPECT THE P.P.I. WE ARE
14 PROBABLY NOT AS SKILLED AS MR. BOBB WOULD LIKE IT TO BE IN
15 UTILIZING ALL OF ITS ABILITIES, WE'RE WORKING TO GET BETTER
16 AND WE CERTAINLY DO USE IT TO IDENTIFY THE MOST TROUBLED
17 EMPLOYEES AND I THINK HE WOULD AGREE WITH THAT. BUT OUR SPIRIT
18 OF COOPERATION I THINK IS STRONG WITH MR. BOBB AND WE HAVE A
19 HISTORY OF THAT, FOR THE MOST PART ANYWAY.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I APPRECIATE THE COOPERATION AND I WANT TO
22 HEAR THAT, BUT KEEP IN MIND IT'S ONLY AS GOOD AS THE
23 INFORMATION THAT'S PUT IN IT, WHICH IS ONE OF THE CONCERNS. IF
24 THE INFORMATION IN THOSE COMPLAINTS ARE NOT PUT IN THERE, IF
25 NOT ALL OF THAT IS GOING ON THERE AND THE COMMANDERS AND OTHER



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1 FOLKS ARE NOT LOOKING AT IT, THEN IT HAS NO VALUE. AGAIN, LIKE
2 ANYTHING ELSE, YOU DON'T INPUT INTO IT THEN YOU CAN'T PULL OUT
3 FOR THE ANALYSIS. SO AGAIN PART OF THE CONCERN AS WELL IS WHAT
4 ITS CONTENTS ARE AND WHETHER IT'S BEING ANALYZED. SO AGAIN I
5 APPRECIATE THE COOPERATION. I THINK THAT YOU WILL LOOK AT IT
6 AS HOPEFUL OF THINGS THAT WE APPROVE 'CAUSE BELIEVE ME I DON'T
7 WANT TO GET INTO A SITUATION OF HAVING TO AUDIT THE AUDIT, IT
8 JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. I WOULD RATHER IT BE EMBRACED AS A
9 PARTNERSHIP, AND GET TO WORK ON IT AND ROLL-UP OUR SLEEVES AND
10 JUST MAKE IT BETTER ALL AROUND.

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12 **COMMANDER BILL MCSWEENEY:** WE AGREE.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH YOU HAD A
17 COMMENT AND THEN WE HAVE COUNCILWOMAN PERRY WHO'S BEEN WAITING
18 FOR SEVERAL MINUTES.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON YOUR P.P.I. YOU TALK ABOUT WE NEED TO HAVE
21 MORE TRAINING WITH WEAPON USE BUT ALSO THERE'S AN ABSENCE BUT
22 OUGHT TO BE INCLUDED IS ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN DEFENSIVE
23 WEAPONLESS METHODS. IT'S VERY CRUCIAL, I KNOW WHEN I WENT
24 THROUGH THE ACADEMY WE HAD THAT TYPE OF TRAINING, EXTENSIVE
25 TRAINING AND IT'S VERY COST-EFFECTIVE BUT IT ALSO BUILDS THE



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1 CONFIDENCE IN THE OFFICERS TO DO THEIR JOB ON THE STREETS. SO
2 I WOULD MAKE THAT A VERY STRONG COMPONENT.

3

4 **COMMANDER BILL MCSWEENEY:** I THINK THAT'S A GOOD POINT AND ONE
5 THAT WE WOULD UNDERSCORE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I'D JUST LIKE
6 TO CLOSE SAYING THAT ONE OF THE SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU MADE AND
7 ONE THAT I THINK IS QUITE VALUABLE IS THE USE OF POLICE
8 OFFICERS IN CONSULTING WITH POLICE OFFICERS AS WE GO ABOUT OUR
9 WORK. I WANT YOU TO KNOW AND I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE DO
10 THAT. ONE, WE HAVE A RETIRED POLICE OFFICER FROM ENGLAND WHO
11 IS ON OUR STAFF. SECOND, OUR SENIOR BOARD OF ADVISORS, THERE
12 ARE THREE POLICE OFFICERS, TOM FRASIER, WHO WAS THE CHIEF OF
13 POLICE IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND WENT
14 ON TO BECOME THE HEAD OF THE COP'S OFFICE. CURRENT SITTING
15 POLICE CHIEF BILL FINNEY FROM SAINT PAUL, AND CAPTAIN RON
16 DAVIS FROM THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT. SO WE DRAW UPON
17 THEM, WE DRAW UPON THEIR EXPERTISE, WE DRAW UPON THEIR WISDOM,
18 WE DRAW UPON THEIR EXPERIENCE OUT ON THE STREET. AND BEFORE WE
19 MAKE A RECOMMENDATION, BEFORE WE MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATION ABOUT
20 WHAT A POLICE OFFICER SHOULD DO OR NOT DO, WE ARE VERY
21 CAREFUL, WE ARE VERY CAUTIOUS, THE LAST THING WE WANT TO DO IS
22 TO PUT ANYBODY AT RISK AND SO WE USE THOSE POLICE OFFICERS, WE
23 USE THOSE SENIOR ADVISORS TO GIVE US THE PERSPECTIVE THAT I
24 THINK YOU WANT US TO HAVE AND THAT I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT
25 ABOUT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ALSO CONSIDER SOME RETIRED OFFICERS FROM
3 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES INSTEAD OF GOING TO ENGLAND.

4

5 **COMMANDER BILL MCSWEENEY:** ARE YOU OFFERING YOURSELF UP?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO I'M NOT, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF FINE
8 PEOPLE WITHIN THE COUNTY HERE RETIRED, BOB EDMONDSON IS A VERY
9 FINE INDIVIDUAL, I'M SURE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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13 **COMMANDER BILL MCSWEENEY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW TAKE THE 11:30 ITEM AN
16 HOUR LATE. WE HAVE COUNCILWOMAN JAN PERRY HERE, WE'D LIKE TO
17 ASK HER TO COME FORWARD AND I THINK SHE HAS A WHOLE GROUP OF
18 PEOPLE SHE'D LIKE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION WITH ON THAT ITEM. OH
19 SHOULD WE RECEIVE AND FILE THAT REPORT? THERE'S A MOVE BY -- A
20 MOTION BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE TO RECEIVE AND FILE
21 THE REPORT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT THE REPORT BUT HIS MOTION I THINK. YEAH
24 'CAUSE THE REPORT IS BEING EVALUATED AND WE'RE GOING TO GET A
25 FOLLOW UP LATER.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT SO THE PROPER THING WOULD BE THAT
3 THE --

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PROCEED AND FILE MIKE'S MOTION.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HIS MOTION, ALL RIGHT. AND WE'RE GOING TO
8 ASK EVERYONE TO STATE THEIR NAME BECAUSE WE WANT TO KEEP IT --
9 OUR RECORDS CLEAR. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE WITH US.

10

11 **JAN PERRY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO
12 HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY AND I'LL START
13 BY INTRODUCING MYSELF, COUNCILWOMAN JAN PERRY, NINTH COUNCIL
14 DISTRICT, CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

15

16 **SARAH DUSO:** SARAH DUSO, ASSISTANT DEPUTY MAYOR OF ECONOMIC
17 DEVELOPMENT.

18

19 **EARL THOMAS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS EARL THOMAS, I'M HEAD OF
20 CRIMINAL BRANCH OPERATIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY'S
21 OFFICE, THANK YOU.

22

23 **JANICE WOOD:** AND I'M JANICE WOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN OF S.R.O.
24 HOUSING CORPORATION.

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1 **JAN PERRY:** AND I'M GOING TO ASK THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME UP
2 HERE WITH US TO ALSO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES FOR THE RECORD.

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4 **RUTH SCHWARTZ:** RUTH SCHWARTZ, SHELTER PARTNERSHIP.

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6 **ORLANDO WARD:** ORLANDO WARD, MIDNIGHT MISSION.

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8 **MITCHELL NETBURN:** MITCHELL NETBURN, L.A.S.A.

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10 **ROBIN CONNOLLY:** ROBIN CONNOLLY, ALSO FROM L.A.S.A.

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12 **KATHY JOHNSON:** KATHY JOHNSON ALSO FROM THE MIDNIGHT MISSION.

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14 **JAN PERRY:** AND I ALSO HAVE WITH ME TODAY KATHY GODFREY,
15 COUNCIL DEPUTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9. I THINK IT'S NO SECRET TO
16 ANY OF YOU THAT WE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF EMERGENCY SHELTER
17 SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES AND LIKE YOU WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD
18 IN THE CITY TO ADDRESS A LONG-ESTABLISHED STREET CULTURE THAT
19 HAS BEEN CAMPING ON THE STREETS OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES THESE
20 ENCAMPMENTS SUPPORT A LIFESTYLE THAT DOES NOT EVEN MEET A
21 THIRD WORLD STANDARD AND BY ALLOWING THIS TO CONTINUE THE CITY
22 OF LOS ANGELES IS SAYING YES TO UNHEALTHY, DEGRADING LIVING
23 CONDITIONS THAT ENCOURAGE SELF-ABUSE AS WELL AS DRUG AND
24 ALCOHOL ABUSE. IT ALSO PROVIDES DAILY EXPOSURE TO COMMUNICABLE
25 DISEASES, H.I.V., CONTAMINATED NEEDLES, SKIN AND LUNG



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1 INFECTIONS WHICH CAN BE SPREAD TO THE GENERAL POPULATION
2 LIVING ON THE STREET. IT ENABLES SELF-ABUSE, DEGRADATION,
3 MENTAL ILLNESS AND IS DESTRUCTIVE NOT ONLY TO THE PEOPLE
4 LIVING ON THE STREET BUT TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AS WELL. AND
5 THAT'S ONLY A PREVIEW OF THE CONDITIONS THAT HAVE THE
6 POTENTIAL TO BECOME FAR WORSE. MORE THAN EVER SINGLE MEN AND
7 SINGLE WOMEN, MANY FAMILIES ARE HOMELESS OR ARE AT RISK OF
8 BECOMING HOMELESS AND THE HOUSING NEEDED TO MEET THIS CRISIS
9 IS SIMPLY NOT AVAILABLE. AS A CITY WE CAN'T POSSIBLY MANAGE TO
10 TAKE ON ALL OF THE HOMELESS AND THE AT-RISK HOMELESS
11 POPULATION AS WELL. FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE BEING REFERRED TO
12 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING SERVICES. WOMEN
13 WITH CHILDREN ARE FILLING THE UNION RESCUE MISSION EVERY
14 NIGHT. CENTRAL CITY EAST IS NOT A SAFE PLACE FOR FAMILIES. 90%
15 OF THE SERVICES OFFERED THERE ARE FOR SINGLE MEN AND SINGLE
16 WOMEN. WE CANNOT KEEP PEOPLE LEGALLY FROM FORMING THEIR OWN
17 MAKE-SHIFT HOUSING ON THE SIDEWALKS IF WE DON'T MAXIMUM THE
18 NUMBER OF EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE
19 CANNOT AS A CITY CONTINUE TO ENFORCE THE LAWS AGAINST SUCH
20 BEHAVIORS UNLESS WE OFFER ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR
21 THE HOMELESS. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS BEING SUED AGAIN FOR
22 ENFORCING ITS LAWS. THIS IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE
23 DOWNTOWN ENCAMPMENTS ARE LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LARGEST
24 NUMBER OF HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE ENTIRE WESTERN
25 STATES COMBINED. THE L.A. HAS MATCHED OUTREACH AND OFFERED



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1 SERVICES WELL IN ADVANCE OF CLEARING THE ENCAMPMENTS, HOMELESS
2 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN OFFERED SERVICES, HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE
3 SERVICES. CAMPING ON THE SIDEWALKS IS NOT TOLERATED ANYWHERE
4 ELSE IN EITHER THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES OR IN L.A. COUNTY. IT
5 IS NOT TOLERATED ANYWHERE ELSE BUT HERE. LIKE YOURSELVES, I
6 THINK WE'RE ALL WORKING TOWARDS THE GOAL OF PROVIDING SAFE,
7 HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS FOR ALL PEOPLE, ALL THE PEOPLE,
8 INCLUDING THE RESIDENTS OF THE SKID ROW COMMUNITY AND FOR THE
9 FORMERLY HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN OVER 3,000 UNITS OF
10 AFFORDABLE, REHABILITATED, PUBLICLY FUNDED HOUSING THAT HAS
11 BEEN CREATED IN CENTRAL CITY EAST IN THE LAST TEN YEARS. THIS
12 IS NOTHING MORE THAN WHAT WE WOULD ALL WANT FOR ALL OF OUR
13 CONSTITUENTS: SAFE, CLEAN, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. AND I'M SURE
14 YOU KNOW THAT WE NEED YOUR HELP. A SIMPLE WAY THAT I CAN ASK
15 FOR YOUR HELP TODAY IS TO ASK YOU TO HELP US MAINTAIN AS MANY
16 EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS OPERATING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY YEAR-
17 ROUND. I'M ASKING LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE SUPERVISORS HERE
18 TODAY TO WORK WITH US IN THE SPIRIT OF THE JOINT POWERS
19 AUTHORITY AGREEMENT AND TO WORK WITH US TO PROVIDE L.A.S.A
20 WITH THE FUNDS NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. I WANT TO WORK WITH
21 YOU, THE PEOPLE WHO'VE COME WITH ME TODAY WANT TO WORK WITH
22 YOU TO BE AS STRATEGIC AS POSSIBLE IN THIS EFFORT. I THINK WE
23 ALL BELIEVE AND THAT THE STATISTICS BEAR THIS OUT THAT 24-HOUR
24 BEDS WITH SERVICES IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE MODEL FOR EMERGENCY
25 SHELTER AND THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE WAY FOR GETTING



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1 PEOPLE OFF THE STREET AND INTO A CONTINUUM OF CARE. THE
2 DISPARITY AND FUNDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE
3 L.A. COUNTY WILL FORCE THE CLOSURE OF THE COLD WET WEATHER
4 SHELTER SERVICE BEDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING AT 100%
5 CAPACITY. THAT SCHEDULED DATE FOR CLOSURE IS MARCH 15TH.
6 JOINING ME HERE TODAY, AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, ARE
7 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY, MIDNIGHT MISSION,
8 SHELTER PARTNERSHIP, S.R.O. HOUSING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
9 L.A.S.A. AND SARAH DUSO FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. I'VE ASKED
10 THE STAFF AT L.A.S.A. TO PROVIDE A BUDGET OF THE COST OF THE
11 EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM AND A SUMMARY OF THE FUNDING IT HAS
12 RECEIVED THIS PAST YEAR FROM BOTH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND
13 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANNEX INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKETS HERE
14 TODAY. MAINTAINING THE EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS IS A SMALL STEP
15 BUT IT IS A STEP NONETHELESS. LOS ANGELES AS A REGION NEEDS TO
16 ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER IN AN AGGRESSIVE AND PRODUCTIVE
17 WAY, AS OTHER MAJOR CITIES AND COUNTIES HAVE DONE. WE CAN WORK
18 TOWARDS A MODEL OF ONE-THIRD FUNDING THAT IS LOCAL, ONE THIRD
19 FROM BOTH THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL. MAINTAINING THE COLD WET
20 WEATHER SHELTER BEDS YEAR-ROUND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE LOCAL
21 BOARD PRIORITIES AND THE PRIORITIES OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
22 USING PROPOSITION 46. SO IN TIME AND WITH A CONCERTED EFFORT
23 THE CREATION OF MORE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THOSE WHO ARE
24 UTTERLY DISENFRANCHISED WILL ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM MORE
25 EFFECTIVELY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN



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1 US HERE TODAY AND IF YOU WILL, THERE ARE OTHERS HERE WHO ARE
2 INTERESTED IN SPEAKING.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES?

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6 **SARAH DUSO:** THE MAYOR ASKED ME TO JOIN COUNCIL MEMBER JAN
7 PERRY TODAY TO LET YOU ALL KNOW THAT SHE IS NOT ALONE IN
8 FIGHTING THIS EFFORT AND THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE
9 WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU TO GET AS MUCH FUNDING AS
10 POSSIBLE TO OPERATE SHELTERS YEAR ROUND. AND I ALSO WANT TO
11 PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE OF THE FUNDING THAT'S
12 MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH PROPOSITION 46. THAT IS CAPITAL FUNDING
13 AND NOT OPERATING FUNDING, AND IF BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY
14 DON'T WORK TOGETHER TO FIND OPERATING FUNDING TO OPERATE
15 SHELTERS, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE
16 MONEY MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH PROP 46 TO OFFER ADDITIONAL
17 SHELTERS TO THE HOMELESS PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES. SO IT'S AT
18 THIS POINT IN TIME IS A CRITICAL JUNCTURE FOR ALL OF US TO
19 WORK TOGETHER TO FIND THE FINDING TO OPERATE SHELTERS YEAR-
20 ROUND BUT ALSO TO USE THESE MONIES TO ATTRACT ADDITIONAL
21 DOLLARS FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

22

23 **EARL THOMAS:** THANK YOU, AGAIN MY NAME IS EARL THOMAS, I'M HEAD
24 OF CRIMINAL BRANCH OPERATIONS IN THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. I
25 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME



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1 BEFORE YOU TODAY WITH REGARD TO THIS MOST DIFFICULT CHALLENGE.
2 I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CITY ATTORNEY ROCKY DELGADILLO. I
3 WANT TO SAY FIRST OF ALL THAT WE CONCUR COMPLETELY WITH THE
4 REMARKS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN JAN PERRY AND THE REPRESENTATIVE
5 FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. AND ONCE AGAIN I WANT TO ALSO
6 EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS, NO ONE IS
7 ALONE IN THIS SITUATION. THERE ARE A LOT OF MEMBERS IN THE
8 CITY FAMILY IN THIS PARTNERSHIP WHO ARE WORKING TOGETHER,
9 INCLUDING THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, JAN PERRY AND THE COUNCIL AND
10 THE COUNCIL AND THE CITY COUNCIL, THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
11 THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
12 WORKS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND WE'RE ALSO WORKING WITH
13 THE SHELTER AND SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE AREA TO FIND
14 SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM. WE HAVE A PROGRAM GOING ON IN THE
15 DOWNTOWN AREA. YOU HAVE SOME PHOTOGRAPHS THAT WERE GIVEN TO
16 YOU AS PART OF YOUR PACKAGE. THE PROGRAM IS REALLY DESIGNED TO
17 CHANGE THE UNHEALTHY AND DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS IN DOWNTOWN LOS
18 ANGELES AND ENABLE PEOPLE WHO NEED SHELTER AND WHO NEED
19 SERVICES TO GET THOSE SERVICES AS READILY AS POSSIBLE. THAT IS
20 WHAT THE PROGRAM IS ALL ABOUT. THERE ARE MANY COMPONENTS TO
21 THIS PROGRAM. ONE OF THE COMPONENTS IS AN ONGOING OUTREACH
22 PROGRAM, WHERE THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE
23 PATROL OFFICERS WHO ARE IN THE AREA ARE WORKING SIDE-BY-SIDE
24 WITH MANY OF THESE SHELTER PROVIDERS TO DO OUTREACH IN THIS
25 AREA, TO MAKE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE



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1 LIVING IN THESE DEPLORABLE ENCAMPMENTS, TO MAKE THEM AWARE
2 THAT THERE ARE SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE AREA, THERE IS
3 SHELTER IN THE AREA, THEY'RE HANDING OUT FLYERS, THEY ARE
4 DOING A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF OUTREACH EFFORT OVER THE COURSE
5 OF A FEW DAYS, AND THEN AT THE END OF THE OUTREACH EFFORT IN
6 SPECIFIC LOCATIONS, WE HAVE A CLEANUP PROJECT THAT'S GOING ON
7 WHEREBY PEOPLE ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE THEIR
8 ENCAMPMENTS AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMES IN AND
9 CLEANS THE STREETS AND CLEANS THE AREA THAT HAS BEEN WHERE WE
10 HAVE DONE THE OUTREACH. A CRITICAL COMPONENT TO THIS PROGRAM,
11 ANY NECESSARY COMPONENT TO THIS PROGRAM, IN ORDER FOR US TO
12 ENCOURAGE PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS, PEOPLE WHO ARE TRANSIENT,
13 PEOPLE WHO HAVE MENTAL DISEASE, PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALCOHOL
14 PROBLEMS, PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS, WE HAVE
15 FOUND THAT IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
16 THE SERVICES, WE NEED TO HAVE A PROGRAM SUCH AS THIS IN
17 OPERATION. BUT ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL COMPONENTS OF THAT IS
18 TO HAVE SHELTER BEDS AVAILABLE. WITHOUT THE SHELTER SPACE AND
19 WITHOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE BEDS, WE REALLY CANNOT DO ANY
20 OUTREACH AND WE REALLY CANNOT DO ANY ENFORCEMENT IN THIS AREA.
21 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHS THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR
22 PACKAGE DO NOT DEPICT IS THE EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING MADE TO
23 LET PEOPLE KNOW WHERE THESE SERVICES AND WHERE THESE SHELTERS
24 ARE AVAILABLE. BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT THERE IS A
25 LEGAL DOCTRINE CALLED "THE DOCTRINE OF NECESSITY" WHICH



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1 BASICALLY SAYS THAT IF A PERSON DOES NOT HAVE ANY ALTERNATIVE
2 LOCATIONS WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR SHELTER, THEY ARE ENTITLED TO
3 SLEEP ON THE STREET. THEY LEGALLY CAN SLEEP ON THE STREET AND
4 SLEEP IN ENCAMPMENTS UNLESS WE HAVE ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE FOR
5 THEM TO USE, AND THAT'S WHY THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM AND THE
6 CONTINUING OPERATION OF THAT PROGRAM IS CRITICAL TO THE
7 OVERALL EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE OUTREACH AND TO PROVIDE THE
8 SERVICES. WE HAVE NOTICED OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, WHILE THIS
9 PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION, THAT THE SHELTER BEDS IN THE
10 AREA ARE OPERATING AT FULL CAPACITY, WHICH MEANS THAT THERE IS
11 A CORRELATION BETWEEN THE OUTREACH AND THE ENFORCEMENT AND THE
12 AVAILABILITY OF THE BEDS. I PERSONALLY REVIEW EVERY SINGLE
13 CASE WHERE A CITATION HAS BEEN ISSUED OR AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION
14 HAS BEEN TAKEN RESULTING IN AN ARREST OF SOMEONE WHO IS AT ONE
15 OF THESE ENCAMPMENTS, IT IS PART OF OUR PROJECT, AND I CAN
16 TELL YOU IN REVIEWING THE REPORTS THAT I HAVE BEEN SEEING ON A
17 DAILY BASIS, ONE OF THE REASONS THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT TAKING
18 ADVANTAGE OF THE SHELTERS IS BECAUSE THEY SENSE THAT THEY'RE
19 NOT AVAILABLE, THEY SENSE THAT THERE IS NO SHELTER AVAILABLE
20 AND THEY BELIEVE THAT IT'S OKAY FOR THEM TO SLEEP ON THE
21 STREET. WE ARE TRYING DESPERATELY TO TURN THIS AROUND BECAUSE
22 THERE IS SHELTER SPACE AVAILABLE, THERE ARE SERVICES THAT ARE
23 AVAILABLE, WE JUST HAVE TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THAT TO MAKE SURE
24 THAT THESE SERVICES ARE THERE. SO WE NEED TO WORK, AS I
25 DESCRIBED BEFORE -- WE ARE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP IN THE CITY



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1 FAMILY, WE NEED THE COUNTY TO BE A PART OF THAT PARTNERSHIP,
2 TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT CRITICAL COMPONENT IS A PART OF THE
3 OVERALL PROJECT TO TURN THESE CONDITIONS AROUND. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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7 **JANICE WOOD:** AGAIN, I'M JANICE WOOD. YOU CAN'T BE SURPRISED
8 THAT THE S.R.O. HOUSING CORPORATION SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSAL,
9 BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR S.R.O. IS NOT
10 THE GOAL, BUT IT IS A CRITICAL LINK TO THE GOAL WHICH IS
11 STABLE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN SKID ROW. STABLE HOUSING
12 AND ACCESS TO SERVICES IS A MODEL THAT IS PROVEN TO WORK AND
13 ONE THAT ONLY HAPPENS WHEN WE GET ACCESS TO PEOPLE WHEN WE
14 ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM, WHEN WE HAVE THE
15 OPPORTUNITY TO MATCH THEM WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF HOUSING AND
16 THE RIGHT KIND OF SERVICES AND WE DO THAT BEST THROUGH THE
17 OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THEM WITH EMERGENCY HOUSING. SO WE ASK
18 YOU TO REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE LIVING IN
19 HOUSING ON SKID ROW AND THIS IS THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND LAST
20 NIGHT WHEN THEY WENT TO SLEEP IN THEIR WARM ROOM, COMFORTABLE
21 AND CLEAN, THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SLEEPING IN THE RAIN,
22 AND WE WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THESE PEOPLE NOT ONLY WHEN IT
23 RAINS BUT EVERY NIGHT AND WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP TO DO THAT.
24 THANK YOU.

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1 **ORLANDO WARD:** THANK YOU, MY NAME IS ORLANDO WARD AGAIN WITH
2 THE MIDNIGHT MISSION. AND I SIMPLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
3 NEED FOR YEAR-ROUND HIGH-TOLERANCE SHELTER BEDS. THE MIDNIGHT
4 MISSION AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAVE COLLABORATED ON A
5 PROJECT WHICH WE CALL SAFE SLEEP IN WHICH WE HOUSE MEMBERS IN
6 OUR PARKING LOT IN SAFE, GUARDED AREAS. AND WHAT WE HAVE FOUND
7 WITH THIS, AND THIS IS WHAT'S REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT,
8 THERE'S A COMMON PERCEPTION THAT PEOPLE ON THE STREET WANT TO
9 BE ON THE STREET. I HAVE TO SAY THAT'S AN UNTRUTH. THEY MAY
10 NOT BE READY FOR SOME OF THE MORE RIGOROUS SHELTER PROGRAMS
11 BUT THEY WANT SOMETHING BETTER THAN COLD CONCRETE, AND WE AS A
12 SERVICE PROVIDER COMMUNITY, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE LAW
13 ENFORCEMENTS, THE BUSINESS AND THE RESIDENTS IN THE CENTRAL
14 CITY AREA HAVE COME TOGETHER TO COME UP WITH THIS TYPE OF A
15 PROGRAM. THE NECESSITY FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER IS VERY, VERY
16 CLEAR IN OUR MINDS, WE KNOW IT'S JUST ONE PART OF THE
17 COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION NECESSARY TO TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM
18 OF HOMELESSNESS BUT IT IS A CRITICAL STEP IN STABILIZING OUR
19 COMMUNITY, AND I WOULD URGE YOU TO SUPPORT US, TO JOIN US IN
20 GETTING THIS CRITICAL PIECE TAKEN CARE OF.

21
22 **RUTH SCHWARTZ:** GOOD MORNING, I'M RUTH SCHWARTZ WITH SHELTER
23 PARTNERSHIP AND WE'RE THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER
24 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY AND THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT
25 OVER THE YEARS. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A COUPLE OF REAL QUICK



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1 STATEMENTS. ONE IS, YOU KNOW, WHY ARE WE IN THIS SITUATION? I
2 MEAN OBVIOUSLY ONE HAS TO DO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE MORE
3 PEOPLE THAN THERE ARE BEDS AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE
4 HOMELESS AND WE'VE GOT A LOT OF PUBLIC POLICIES THAT ARE
5 WORKING COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO OUR DESIRE TO GET PEOPLE
6 STABILIZED IN HOUSING. ANOTHER REASON IS THAT, YOU KNOW,
7 REALLY THE SYSTEM FOR A LONG TIME WENT TOWARDS TRANSITIONAL
8 HOUSING BEDS BECAUSE THERE WAS A THOUGHT THAT REALLY WHAT
9 PEOPLE NEEDED WERE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES SO A LOT OF
10 TRADITIONAL PROVIDERS WENT INTO THAT, THEN AS PEOPLE STAYED
11 LONGER IN TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS THEY CAN OFFER MORE SERVICES,
12 BUT IT MEANT THERE WERE LIKE FEWER PEOPLE MOVING THROUGH THE
13 SYSTEM. SO REALLY I THINK THERE'S BEEN A REAL RETHINKING OF
14 WHAT'S NEEDED BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T NECESSARILY WANT
15 TO ENGAGE IN ALL THE SERVICES THAT ARE OFFERED, ARE GOING TO
16 MAKE GOOD TENANTS IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING. AND REALLY, YOU
17 KNOW, AND WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY I GUESS TODAY BECAUSE WE DO
18 HAVE THE PROP 46, WHICH IS \$195 MILLION FOR CAPITAL FOR
19 EMERGENCY HOUSING, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND SAFE HAVENS, WHICH
20 IS REALLY HIGH-TOLERANCE PROGRAMS FOR CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL
21 PEOPLE. THERE'S \$31 MILLION ON THE STREET RIGHT NOW IN A
22 STATEWIDE COMPETITION AND BECAUSE OF SOME LOCAL EFFORTS THAT
23 WE WERE ENGAGED IN, WE DO HAVE SOMEWHAT OF A SAY IN HOW THAT
24 MONEY GETS ALLOCATED LOCALLY. WE GET 15% OF THE POINTS. AND I
25 JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU WHERE THE LOCAL BOARD IS PUTTING OUR



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1 PRIORITY BECAUSE IT REALLY DOES FIT WITH THIS. I MEAN OUR
2 PRIORITY ARE FOR NEW BEDS, OUR PRIORITY ARE FOR EMERGENCY
3 SHELTERS AS COMPARED TO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, OUR PRIORITY ARE
4 FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS AS COMPARED TO OTHER
5 POPULATIONS, OUR PRIORITY ARE FOR PROGRAMS THAT DON'T REQUIRE
6 SOBRIETY AS A CONDITION OF ENTRANCE, BECAUSE A LOT OF FOLKS
7 WHO ARE ON THE STREET AS YOU'VE HEARD DO HAVE DRUG AND ALCOHOL
8 PROBLEMS AND THEY'RE NOT WILLING TO ENGAGE IN ANYTHING IF
9 THERE'S A SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT. SO, YOU KNOW, IT'S REALLY
10 TRYING AND SO IF WE DO WELL, THEN L.A. SHOULD GET ABOUT \$9
11 MILLION OR SO OF THAT MONEY IF WE GET OUR, QUOTE, FAIR SHARE,
12 BUT THIS MONEY WILL BE COMING OUT EVERY YEAR, NOW THE BIGGEST
13 PROBLEM AND OBSTACLE TO GETTING NEW BEDS DEVELOPED IS GOING TO
14 BE THE OPERATING MONEY, I THINK WE CAN GET THE CAPITAL MONEY
15 OR MOST OF IT THAT WE NEED FROM THE STATE BOND ISSUE FOR
16 ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION AND THE LIKE BUT IT DOESN'T
17 PROVIDE US THE OPERATING FUNDS. SO JUST TO PUT THAT ON THE
18 TABLE AS A NEW PART OF THE EQUATION. AND THOSE PROPOSALS ARE
19 GOING TO BE DUE TO THE STATE IN MIDDLE APRIL SO WE STILL DO
20 HAVE TIME TO, YOU KNOW, ENGAGE SOME PROVIDERS IN DOING SOME
21 EMERGENCY SHELTERS FOR THIS ROUND. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE WILL PASS YOU OUT A COPY OF A MOTION
24 WE'RE INTRODUCING THAT WOULD ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
25 HEALTH AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO COORDINATE IN ANY STRATEGY AS



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1 IT RELATES TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE PART OF ANY SWEEP. SO WE'LL
2 PASS THAT OUT TO YOU AS WE --

3

4 **MITCHELL NETBURN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, AGAIN, MY NAME IS MITCHELL
5 NETBURN, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT L.A.S.A. OBVIOUSLY THE LONG
6 TERM SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS IS THE CREATION OF A SUFFICIENT
7 NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS, PARTICULARLY
8 THOSE WITH SUPPORT SERVICES. BEFORE WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT
9 GOAL WE NEED TO CERTAINLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY
10 BEDS WE HAVE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IT HAS BEEN A LONG-
11 STANDING GOAL OF THE L.A.S.A. COMMISSION TO HAVE AT LEAST AS A
12 START ONE YEAR-ROUND EMERGENCY SHELTER IN EACH OF THE EIGHT
13 SERVICE-PLANNING AREAS. I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT
14 L.A.S.A.'S HERE TODAY, WE HAVE ASKED THE CITY FOR FUNDS FOR
15 THIS AS WELL AS FOR SORT OF 24-HOUR YEAR ROUND EMERGENCY BEDS,
16 VERY, VERY AGGRESSIVELY AS SARAH DUSO FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE
17 CAN SAY, AND SO WE COME AGAIN IN THAT SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP TO
18 THE BOARD TODAY TO ASK FOR SIMILAR FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE COLD
19 WET WEATHER PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. NEWS IS THAT I'VE GOT
20 A LOT OF THE NUMBERS THAT I THINK SOME OF YOU MAY BE
21 INTERESTED IN SO IF YOU EITHER WANT TO HEAR FROM THE OTHER
22 SPEAKERS AND ASK ME THOSE QUESTIONS LATER OR IF YOU WANT TO
23 ASK ME NOW, I'M PREPARED TO GIVE YOU THOSE ANSWERS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS A QUESTION OF YOU AND
2 I THINK THERE WAS ONE OTHER PERSON FROM L.A.S.A. THERE WHO
3 MIGHT WANT TO COME UP, WHO MIGHT WANT TO RESPOND.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** MY QUESTION'S FOR MITCH IF I COULD JUST INTERJECT
6 AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT. OBVIOUSLY WHILE I'M SYMPATHETIC TO
7 THE CITY OF L.A., THERE IS HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
8 AND OTHER COMMUNITIES AND LONG BEACH BEING ONE THAT JUST
9 SUSTAINED A VERY SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THEIR FUNDING, AND
10 THEN WHEN WE TRIED TO WORK WITH YOU, WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU
11 INDICATED THAT YOU'RE NO LONGER THAT PROVIDER, THAT THE
12 F.E.M.A. LOCAL BOARD IS DOING THAT FUNDING REQUEST. DOES THAT
13 MAKE -- COULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT PROCESS TO US AT THIS
14 PARTICULAR POINT?

15

16 **MITCHELL NETBURN:** SURE, TWO THINGS, ONE WHEN THE JOINT POWERS
17 AGREEMENT WAS INITIALLY SIGNED BY THE CITY AND THE COUNTY IT
18 GAVE L.A.S.A. JURISDICTION OVER HOMELESS ISSUES FOR NOT ONLY
19 THE CITY OF L.A. BUT FOR THE COUNTY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
20 THREE CITIES, LONG BEACH, GLENDALE AND PASADENA. SO WHILE WE
21 TRY TO WORK AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE WITH THOSE CITIES WE HAVE
22 MUCH MORE LIMITED INTERACTIONS WITH THEM AND DO NOT IN
23 GENERAL, EXCEPT FOR THE COLD WET WEATHER PROGRAM FUND PROGRAMS
24 WITHIN THOSE THREE CITIES.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THE COLD WEATHER PROGRAM YOU'VE HAD -- YES.

2

3 **MITCHELL NETBURN:** WELL WE DO. WHAT HAPPENED WAS FOR THE LAST
4 SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS THE LOCAL BOARD OF F.E.M.A. HAS ALLOCATED
5 A CERTAIN SUM OF FUNDS IN THE LAST FEW YEAR IT'S BEEN ABOUT
6 \$800,000 TO L.A.S.A. TO COMPLIMENT THE MONEY WE RECEIVED FROM
7 THE CITY AND THE COUNTY FOR THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM. THE
8 NATIONAL BOARD THIS PAST FALL DETERMINED THAT THAT WAS NOT
9 CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL POLICY; THAT THE LOCAL BOARDS HAVE TO
10 TRANSFER THEIR FUNDS TO THE DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS, NOT TO
11 ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES LIKE L.A.S.A. WE TRIED TO GET A WAIVER
12 FOR THIS YEAR FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD, THIS ALL HAPPENED ABOUT
13 A WEEK BEFORE THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM WAS DUE TO START. WE
14 WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN THAT ATTEMPT, AND THEREFORE WHAT WE HAD
15 TO DO WAS REDUCE OUR CONTRACTS WITH AGENCIES BY ABOUT \$800,000
16 OR \$806,000 EXACTLY AND THE LOCAL BOARD IN TURN ENTERED INTO
17 CONTRACTS WITH AGENCIES FOR THE EXACT SAME AMOUNT. MEANING
18 THAT WE NO LONGER CONTROL THOSE F.E.M.A. DOLLARS, DON'T HAVE
19 ANY FLEXIBILITY. THOSE DOLLARS NOW FLOW FROM THE LOCAL BOARD
20 TO THE DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS. WE DID RECENTLY HAVE A TELE
21 CONFERENCE WITH THE NATIONAL BOARD, TRYING TO RECTIFY THE
22 SITUATION FOR NEXT YEAR AND IT APPEARS THAT WE WERE RELATIVELY
23 SUCCESSFUL IN THAT CONVERSATION AND SOME DETAILS NEED TO BE
24 WORKED OUT BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT NEXT YEAR THE DOLLARS WILL
25 AGAIN FLOW THROUGH L.A.S.A. BUT THAT HAS LIMITED OUR ABILITY



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1 TO BE FLEXIBLE WITH THOSE DOLLARS. ONE OTHER THING THAT HAS
2 DONE, HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE FACT THAT WE HAVE ALLOCATED 100% OF
3 THOSE F.E.M.A. DOLLARS TO THE COUNTY SITES TO FULLY FUND THE
4 COUNTY SITES, AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, THE CITY AT THIS POINT,
5 YOU KNOW, HAS ASKED US TO LOOK AT THE FEASIBILITY NEXT YEAR OF
6 DOING A PRO RATA NEED SHARE OF THOSE F.E.M.A. DOLLARS IF THEY
7 FLOW THROUGH L.A.S.A. AGAIN WHICH COULD POTENTIALLY CREATE A
8 SHORTFALL ON THE COUNTY SIDE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE FROM
11 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT WHO WILL ADDRESS SOME OF THE
12 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND THE FUNDING ISSUE, CERTAINLY WE
13 APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE CITY STEPPED FORWARD IN THIS
14 SITUATION BECAUSE UNFORTUNATELY MANY OF OUR PROVIDERS HAVE NOT
15 GONE TO F.E.M.A. AND HAD NOT APPLIED, WHICH I'M SURE THEY'LL
16 DO NEXT YEAR BUT WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE FACT THAT THE
17 CITY MOVED IN AND DID PROVIDE STOP-GAP MEASURES WHEN THIS
18 BECAME APPARENT, BUT WE WILL HAVE SOMEONE TO ADDRESS THOSE
19 ISSUES. YES?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK A COUPLE OF GENERIC
22 QUESTIONS, AND I APPRECIATE THE TESTIMONY OF THE COUNCILWOMAN
23 AND THE OTHERS WHO ARE HERE. DOES THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
24 FUND -- LET ME REPHRASE THAT. ARE THERE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
25 FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM ANY OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS? AND I



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1 DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY HERE CAN ANSWER THAT, FROM ANY OF THE
2 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE CITY INCLUDING IN DOWNTOWN BUT
3 NOT LIMITED TO DOWNTOWN, THAT COULD HELP FUND THESE THINGS?

4

5 **MITCHELL NETBURN:** THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO AND IT'S NOT -- I'M NOT TRYING TO RAISE
8 THE OTHER ISSUE, I'M JUST -- THERE ARE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES
9 THAT HAVE SOME INCREMENTS DEGENERATING AND SINCE THIS CAN BE
10 VIEWED EITHER AS A LOCAL PROBLEM OR AS A CITYWIDE PROBLEM, MY
11 QUESTION IS, YOU HAVE HOUSING TRUST FUND DOLLARS THAT ARE
12 GENERATED BY THE C. R. A. I KNOW THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
13 PROJECTS COOKING AROUND TOWN, I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS OF THEM
14 BUT INVOLVE LOTS OF MONEY, NOT FOR HOUSING BUT LOTS OF MONEY,
15 AND I'M JUST WONDERING WHETHER ANY PORTION OF THOSE, WHETHER
16 THE CITY HAS LOOKED AT USING ANY PORTION OF THOSE TOWARDS THIS
17 END.

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19 **JAN PERRY:** YES, WE'VE BEEN PRETTY EXHAUSTIVE IN REVIEWING ANY
20 POTENTIAL WAY OF MAKING SURE THAT WE LOOK AT ALL POTS OF
21 MONEY, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SORT OF MASSAGE THE DEFINITION OF
22 WHAT IT WOULD BE TO BE ABLE TO USE THAT MONEY TO CREATE A
23 STREAM FOR FUNDING THE EMERGENCY BEDS AND, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A
24 LOT OF GOOD IDEAS BUT NONE HAVE COME TO FRUITION BUT IT'S NOT
25 SOMETHING THAT WE WILL STOP, OBVIOUSLY WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE



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1 TO LOOK BECAUSE THE NEED IS ONGOING, PARTICULARLY IF WE WORK
2 TOWARDS FUNDING THEM YEAR-ROUND. BUT ANY TIME YOU TRY TO TAKE
3 MONEY FROM ANOTHER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT'S BEEN ENCUMBERED
4 FOR ANOTHER PROJECT THEN IT USUALLY HAS A DOMINO EFFECT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GUESS IT WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT THAT OTHER
7 PROJECT WAS AND BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY YOU'VE COME TO US AND
8 RIGHTLY SO, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE IT FROM SOME OTHER
9 SOMETHING, AND WHETHER IT'S A HEALTH CLINIC OR IS SOMETHING
10 ELSE, WE'RE ALL GOING TO HAVE TOUGH CHOICES TO MAKE AND IF THE
11 AMOUNT OF MONEY, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IS AVAILABLE, IF IT IS
12 LEGALLY POSSIBLE TO USE IT FOR SUBSIDIZING A COMMERCIAL
13 DEVELOPMENT FOR EXAMPLE CAN BE DIMINISHED SLIGHTLY TO HELP DO
14 THIS, AND AGAIN I THINK THERE ARE TWO LEGAL ISSUES: ONE IS
15 WHETHER YOU CAN USE MONEY FROM OUTSIDE, DOWNTOWN, WHICH I
16 THINK YOU COULD PROBABLY MAKE THE CASE, I'M NOT A LAWYER BUT
17 I'M SURE THERE'S SOME LAWYER IN THE PROFESSION WHO WOULD GIVE
18 YOU AN OPINION TO THAT EFFECT. BUT ASSUMING YOU COULD THEN THE
19 SECOND QUESTION IS, IS THERE SUCH MONEY AVAILABLE? AND --.

20

21 **JAN PERRY:** WE HAVEN'T IDENTIFIED IT AS OF YET.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, WELL MAYBE WE'LL HELP YOU.

24

25 **JAN PERRY:** THAT'D BE GREAT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MAY HAVE AN IDEA OR TWO BUT I'M NOT SURE
3 YOU CAN USE THOSE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE, IT'S WORTH CHECKING
4 OUT, ANYWAY, THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ISN'T SOME OF THE REDEVELOPMENT MONEY
9 SUPPOSED TO GO FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

10

11 **JAN PERRY:** YES.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO I MEAN THIS IS I GUESS WHERE WE'RE --
14 INSTEAD OF FOOTBALL STADIUMS OR HOTELS?

15

16 **JAN PERRY:** WELL I THINK WE'RE CURRENTLY IN LITIGATION SO WE
17 CAN'T USE ANY POTENTIAL TAX INCREMENT MONEY FOR CONSTRUCTING
18 HOUSING WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES YET UNTIL WE WORK THROUGH
19 THOSE ISSUES.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MUCH DOES THE -- EXCUSE ME.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY, NO GO AHEAD.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MUCH MONEY DOES YOUR BUDGET RECEIVE FROM
2 PRIVATE DONATIONS AND FROM STATE AND FEDERAL --.

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4 **JAN PERRY:** I'LL ASK MR. NETBURN TO RESPOND TO THAT.

5

6 **MITCHELL NETBURN:** CURRENTLY AS A GOVERNMENT AGENCY WE DON'T
7 RECEIVE ANY PRIVATE FUNDS THOUGH WE ARE HOPEFULLY CLOSE TO
8 SECURING OUR FIRST FOUNDATION GRANT, ACTUALLY FOR THE WINTER
9 SHELTER PROGRAM TO ADD MEDICAL SERVICES NEXT YEAR, AS WE HEAD
10 OUT OF CASE MANAGEMENT THE LAST FEW YEARS. BUT WE RECENTLY DID
11 HIRE A DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO LOOK AT FOUNDATIONS. IT'S NOT
12 REALISTIC REALLY TO EXPECT INDIVIDUALS TO GIVE US MONEY, THEY
13 GIVE MONEY TO THE PROVIDERS BUT NOT TO L.A.S.A. IN TERMS OF
14 THE --.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU'RE NOT PROHIBITED FROM GETTING
17 INDIVIDUALS?

18

19 **MITCHELL NETBURN:** NO, AND IT HASN'T HAPPENED SINCE I'VE BEEN
20 THE ATTORNEY, BUT I THINK IN THE PAST OCCASIONALLY, YOU KNOW,
21 SOMEBODY WILL SEND IN ONE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PERHAPS WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING AT GRANTS ALSO,
24 YOU KNOW, THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO GIVE SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL
25 TYPES OF EVENTS AND I CAN'T PRECLUDE THEM.



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MITCHELL NETBURN: SURE AND SOME FOUNDATIONS CLEARLY THEIR
MANDATES DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO GIVE TO THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
BUT MANY DO AND SO WE, AS I SAID, WE ARE HOPEFULLY, YOU KNOW,
CLOSE TO SECURING THAT. IN TERMS OF THE SORT OF CITY AND
COUNTY MONEY FROM THE -- VIRTUALLY ALL OUR MONEY ULTIMATELY
COMES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE ONLY SOURCES OF LOCAL
FUNDS ARE WE RECEIVE \$500,000 OF CITY TAX-LEVY DOLLARS, WHICH
IS TARGETED TO THE DOWNTOWN DROP-IN CENTER. FROM THE COUNTY WE
RECEIVE IT'S APPROXIMATELY 800-AND I THINK-90 THOUSAND DOLLARS
FOR L.A.S.A.'S ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. OTHER THAN THAT ALL
THE FUNDS ARE IN ONE FROM OR ANOTHER EITHER EMERGENCY SHELTER
GRANT FUNDS, F.E.M.A. DOLLARS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT FUNDS OR WHAT'S REFERRED TO AS MCKINNEY VINTOS FUNDS
WHICH IS THE MAIN FEDERAL HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SOURCE OF
FUNDING.

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SUP. ANTONOVICH: WHAT IS ROLE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD?

19

MITCHELL NETBURN: THE L.A.S.A. ADVISORY BOARD, TO ADVISE THE
L.A.S.A. COMMISSION ON SORT OF MAJOR POLICY ISSUES, EITHER
THAT THEY'VE BEEN SPECIFICALLY ASKED OR THAT THEY FEEL THE
COMMISSION NEEDS TO TAKE A POSITION ON.

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SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND HOW RESPONSIVE HAVE THEY BEEN?

25



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2 **MITCHELL NETBURN:** IT'S BEEN A LITTLE SLOW, THEY'RE SORT OF A
3 LARGE GROUP OF VERY VARIED BACKGROUND, BUT THE PAST YEAR ON
4 THE CONTRARY I HAVE MOVED THEM MORE IN THE DIRECTION OF TRULY
5 BEING AN ADVISORY BOARD. SO RECENTLY THERE WAS A LARGE ISSUE
6 FOR EXAMPLE REGARDING THE DOWNTOWN DROP-IN CENTER, WHAT ITS
7 SORT OF GOALS AND SCOPE OF SERVICE SHOULD BE AND WE RECEIVED
8 VERY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD ON THAT
9 ISSUE AS WELL AS THIS YEAR UNDER OUR -- THE MAIN SOURCE OF
10 FUNDING WE RECEIVED IS ABOUT \$47 MILLION FROM THE FEDERAL
11 GOVERNMENT UNDER WHAT WE CALL THE SUPERNOFA AND THIS YEAR WE
12 HAVE AN EXTREMELY HIGH RENEWAL BURDEN AND THE FIRST TIME WE'LL
13 NOT BE ABLE TO RENEW ALL RENEWALS IN TWO YEARS AND WE ASKED
14 THEM THAT QUESTION --

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW LARGE ARE THEY?

17

18 **MITCHELL NETBURN:** 39 MEMBERS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT TOO LARGE? DO YOU HAVE HAD A WORKING
21 EXECUTIVE BOARD OR --.

22

23 **MITCHELL NETBURN:** THERE'S A COMMITTEE STRUCTURE WHICH WE'VE
24 RESTRUCTURED SO THAT IT NOW PARALLELS THE L.A.S.A. COMMISSION
25 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE SO THERE'S AN EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THEN



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1 STANDING COMMITTEES WHICH AGAIN PARALLEL THE L.A.S.A.
2 COMMISSION AND SOMETHING INSTITUTED RECENTLY WAS HAVING A
3 MEMBER OF THE L.A.S.A. ADVISORY BOARD SIT AS AN EX-OFFICIO
4 MEMBER ON THE L.A.S.A. RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO HAS NOT HAD AN
7 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK?

8

9 **MITCHELL NETBURN:** ONE MORE -- JUST SO AND I THINK IT'S IN YOUR
10 PACKETS, THE SORT OF DOLLARS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, CURRENTLY WE
11 FUND ABOUT 782 BEDS IN THE COUNTY AT THE WINTER SHELTER, WHICH
12 IS ABOUT \$333,000, IN THE CITY IT'S ABOUT 1255 BEDS, IT'S
13 ABOUT \$606,000 PER MONTH. SO THAT'S JUST THE SORT OF DOLLARS
14 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IF WE WERE TO CONTINUE AND WE CAN USE IT -
15 -

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND HOW MANY MONTHS IS THAT FOR?

18

19 **MITCHELL NETBURN:** THAT'S THE PER-MONTH COST SO ROUGHLY IT'S
20 ABOUT A MILLION DOLLARS A MONTH TO FUND ALL THE EXISTING BEDS
21 THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, COULD WE ASK MR. JACKSON TO COME
24 FORWARD .

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1 **MITCHELL NETBURN:** 782 IN THE COUNTY THAT ARE OUTSIDE OF THE
2 CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PERHAPS IF YOU COULD BRING US UP TO DATE IN
5 TERMS OF WHAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND WHAT THE FUNDING
6 DIFFERENCE IS IN TERMS OF THE CITY AND THE COUNTY -- SOME OF
7 THE DYNAMICS OF THAT AND ALSO SOME OF THE ISSUES IN TERMS OF
8 INDUSTRY FUNDS THAT ARE ASSIGNED OR UTILIZED.

9

10 **CARLOS JACKSON:** SINCE THE J. P. A. WAS ESTABLISHED THE PRIMARY
11 SOURCE THAT THE C.D.C HAS CONTRIBUTED HAS BEEN THE EMERGENCY
12 SHELTER GRANT THAT THE COUNTY RECEIVED AND IS TRANSFERRED TO
13 THE L.A.S.A. FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES. THIS YEAR WE PUT IN
14 \$1.2 MILLION IN THAT. THE COUNTY OF L.A. GENERAL FUND WAS A
15 TOTAL OF \$805,000 TO SUPPORT THEIR OPERATION, AND THEN ANOTHER
16 \$365,000 OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO SUPPORT
17 AGAIN THE OPERATION OF L.A.S.A., BRINGING IT ALMOST TO \$2.5
18 MILLION. ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT THE COUNTY FACES WHEN IT
19 DEALS WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS IS THAT
20 OVERALL THE COUNTY RECEIVE ANNUALLY ABOUT \$39 MILLION. AS YOU
21 KNOW WE'RE THE LARGEST URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY BUT
22 WE HAVE 48 CITIES THAT PARTICIPATE AND RECEIVE THEIR FUNDS.
23 THEY COULD NOT RECEIVE FEDERAL DOLLARS UNLESS THEY PARTICIPATE
24 AT THE STATE LEVEL OR RECEIVE IT THROUGH US. AND SO WITH THE
25 39, IT'S REALLY SPLIT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE CITIES, 15



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1 FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND 15 FOR THE CITIES, AND THEN
2 WE USE THE FORMULA TO DIVIDE AMONG THE SUPERVISORIAL
3 DISTRICTS. SO WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT'S SMALL IN COMPARED TO WHAT
4 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES RECEIVE WHICH IS \$92 MILLION ANNUALLY.
5 THAT HAS BEEN PRIMARILY THE SOURCES WE HAVE USED DURING THE,
6 YOU KNOW, THE TENURE OF THE J.P.A. NOW ONE OF THE STRONG
7 POINTS THAT THE COUNTY, THIS BOARD ADOPTED WAS AN
8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE MONIES, WHICH
9 SAID THAT THERE WAS TWO MAJOR CATEGORIES FOR FUNDING
10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATION. AND SEEING
11 THAT YOU HAVE APPROVED NOT 5 ROUNDS OF ALLOCATIONS WE'RE
12 COMING TO THE BOARD WITH AN ADDITIONAL ROUND PROBABLY NEXT
13 MONTH. DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME SINCE 1997 THE BOARD HAS
14 ALLOCATED \$95 MILLION FOR HOUSING. OF THAT AMOUNT, \$52 MILLION
15 HAS BEEN AWARDED TO PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. OF
16 THE \$52 MILLION, 23.8 MILLION HAVE BEEN AWARDED FOR SPECIAL
17 NEEDS HOUSING, WHICH IS HOUSING FOR A.I.D.S., FOR PEOPLE WITH
18 A.I.D.S., DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, EMANCIPATED YOUTH WHO ARE
19 HOMELESS, THE MENTALLY ILL AND THE FUNDAMENTALLY DISABLED. IN
20 THE SKID ROW AREA, IF I CAN USE THAT TERM, YOU HAVE FUNDED
21 CLOSE TO \$5.5 MILLION OF PROJECTS, WHICH IS ABOUT FIVE
22 PROJECTS. OVERALL DURING THE INDUSTRY HISTORY WE HAVE FUNDED A
23 TOTAL OF 117. 61 HAVE BEEN IN THE CITY OF L.A. SO IN THE WAY,
24 THAT ALTHOUGH WE DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES FOR THE EMERGENCY
25 HOUSING YOU HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE ON THE OVERALL HOUSING



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1 DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. TAX INCREMENT
2 MONEYS CANNOT BE USED FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERS, IT'S ONLY FOR
3 TRANSITIONAL AND PERMANENT HOUSING. SO, YOU KNOW, THE DILEMMA
4 THAT WE CONSTANTLY FACE ANNUALLY IS THE FACT THAT THERE IS A
5 LACK OF RESOURCES TO PUT INTO THE EMERGENCY SHELTERS BUT
6 THROUGH THIS OTHER FUNDING WE HAVE HELPED ON THE CONTINUE OF
7 THE HOUSING NEEDS FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE QUESTIONS? THE MOTION I REFERRED
10 TO I WILL PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK. I'D ALSO LIKE TO
11 ASK A REPORT BACK FROM C.D.B.G. AND THE COUNTY AND THE
12 C.A.O.'S OFFICE IN TERMS OF HOW WE CAN INTERFACE WITH THIS
13 STRATEGY IN ADDRESSING SOME OF THESE ISSUES, PERHAPS WHETHER
14 IT'S INDUSTRY FUNDS THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CITY AND
15 SOME OF THEIR PROJECTS AND PERHAPS THE CITY MIGHT WANT TO
16 IDENTIFY THOSE PROJECTS THAT ARE OF PRIORITY TO THEM AS WE
17 MOVE FORWARD IN LOOKING AT SOME OF THESE SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING
18 PROGRAMS THAT WE FINANCE. THERE MAY BE SOME OTHER FUNDS.
19 OBVIOUSLY I THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO DO IS
20 TO GET SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS APPLYING DIRECTLY TO F.E.M.A. NEXT
21 YEAR SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GET THOSE FUNDS AND THEY
22 WILL NOT BE DISABLED AS A RESULT OF GOING IN. FROM MY
23 STANDPOINT I'D LOVE TO SEE US WORK WITH L.A.S.A., I'D LIKE TO
24 SEE L.A.S.A. BEING THE CONDUIT FOR THOSE FUNDS. OBVIOUSLY WE
25 HAVE TO TRY TO ADDRESS HOW THAT CAN COME ABOUT AND HOW THAT



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1 CAN CONTINUE TO COME ABOUT, SO I WOULD ASK THAT WE HAVE A
2 REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS, WOULD THAT, CAN YOU DO THAT IN TWO
3 WEEKS FOR US OR SHOULD WE?

4

5 **CARLOS JACKSON:** PROBABLY FOUR WEEKS.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOUR WEEKS, IN TERMS OF HOW WE MIGHT BE
8 ABLE TO INTERRELATE TO THIS STRATEGY. OBVIOUSLY, I THINK YOU
9 KNOW THAT WE HAD TED HAYES HERE, I'M SORRY TED HAYES HERE ON
10 THE ISSUE OF THE POTTIES, THE PORTA POTTIES, AND WE HAVE BEEN
11 ATTEMPTING TO WORK WITH THE CITY TO TRY TO ARRIVE AT STANDARDS
12 FOR THOSE PORTA POTTIES, AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE
13 CITY IS TRYING TO DO THE SAME THING AND TRYING TO KEEP THEM AS
14 SANITARY AS POSSIBLE.

15

16 **JAN PERRY:** SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD JUST LET YOU KNOW THAT WE
17 HAVE HAD A CONTRACT WITH AN AUTOMATED TOILET COMPANY AND WE'LL
18 BE INSTALLING ONE OF THE FIRST AUTOMATED TOILETS IN THE SKID
19 ROW COMMUNITY WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS, AND ONCE WE GET A FULL
20 PROGRAM OF AUTOMATED TOILETS OPERATING IN THE SKID ROW
21 COMMUNITY WE'LL BE REMOVING THE CHEMICAL TOILETS FROM THAT
22 AREA.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WILL THOSE BE PAY OR WILL THEY BE FREE?

25



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1 **JAN PERRY:** FREE, TOKENS, AND THE TOKENS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE
2 VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE AREA SO THAT PEOPLE
3 CAN WALK IN AND GET A TOKEN TO USE THE BATHROOMS.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONE LAST QUESTION MADAM CHAIR, AS LONG AS
8 IT'S GOING TO BE TWO WEEKS REPORT BACK ON THIS, IF I COULD ASK
9 COUNCILWOMAN PERRY IF YOU COULD ASK THE C.R.A. TO JUST GIVE
10 YOU, AND IF YOU COULD SHARE IT WITH US ANY FUNDS, EVEN IF
11 THEY'RE COMMITTED TO OTHER THINGS, WHAT THEY'RE COMMITTED FOR
12 THAT COULD BE USED FOR THIS KIND OF HOUSING IN THE CENTRAL
13 BUSINESS DISTRICT AREA OR DOWNTOWN AREA, THAT WOULD BE USEFUL
14 TO YOU, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO US, TOO.

15

16 **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JAN PERRY:** MMM-HMM. ABSOLUTELY.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SORRY THAT YOU HAD TO
21 WAIT, THAT WE GOT BEHIND SO MUCH, BUT THANK YOU FOR COMING.
22 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I BELIEVE YOU'RE NEXT, WITH YOUR SPECIALS.
23 DID YOU GET A COPY OF MY HEALTH, YOU DIDN'T GET A PACK? I'M
24 SORRY, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, OKAY. I HAVE TWO --

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WAS ASKING PAT TO PASS OUT THE MOTION I
4 REFERRED TO.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. I HAVE TWO ITEMS, THAT I ALREADY LOST, HERE
7 THEY ARE. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
8 MEMORY OF ERMA CASTRO. SHE WAS THE VICTIM OF A TRAGIC CRIME
9 LAST FRIDAY IN HUNTINGTON PARK, AND SHE PASSED AWAY. SOME OF
10 YOU MAY HAVE READ ABOUT IT IN THE PAPER. SHE WAS STABBED TO
11 DEATH AT A REAL ESTATE OFFICE, AND WE WANT TO ADJOURN IN HER
12 MEMORY AND EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY. AND WITH
13 THAT, I WANT TO ALSO ISSUE, AND I'M GOING TO HAVE MY STAFF
14 PASS OUT A 10,000-DOLLAR REWARD. AGAIN, THIS HAPPENED ON
15 FRIDAY. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SHERIFF DOESN'T HAVE,
16 AT THIS POINT, ANY LEADS WHATSOEVER, ALTHOUGH WE'VE
17 DISTRIBUTED OVER 5,000 FLIERS THROUGHOUT THE WAL-MART PARK
18 COMMUNITY FOR INFORMATION. SO I'D LIKE TO PUT OUT A REWARD FOR
19 \$10,000 FOR ANY INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND THE
20 CONVICTION OF A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF ERMA
21 CASTRO.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEN SECOND OF ALL, THERE'S ANOTHER ITEM,
3 EVEN THOUGH THIS IS ANOTHER REWARD, WE NEED TO RENEW THIS ONE.
4 THIS ONE IS SOMETHING THAT OCCURRED A LONG TIME AGO, BUT THERE
5 MAY BE SOME LEADS, AND SO WE'RE ASKING THAT THERE BE AN
6 APPROVAL OF THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE 10,000-DOLLAR REWARD
7 FOR THE ARREST AND THE CONVICTION OF ANY INFORMATION THAT WILL
8 GIVE US REGARDING THE AVILRIO REVERAS CARLIOS CASE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. MOVED AND SECONDED.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. THOSE ARE ALL MY ITEMS.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MY ADJOURNMENTS, I MOVE THAT
15 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. P.J. JONES,
16 WHO PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 16TH, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LOS
17 ANGELES. DR. P.J. JONES WAS THE PASTOR OF FIRST EVERGREEN
18 BAPTIST CHURCH IN COMPTON, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST
19 MINISTERS CONFERENCE OF LOS ANGELES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE
20 WAS A FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR MANY YEARS.
21 HE SERVED AS THE LATE SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN'S APPOINTEE ON
22 THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FROM 1968 TO '87, THE PUBLIC
23 SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSION FROM '86 TO '94 AND RESIGNED IN 1995
24 AFTER SERVING A YEAR ON THE OBSCENITY AND PORNOGRAPHY
25 COMMISSION. HE WAS AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND



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1 HE'LL BE SORELY MISSED. REVEREND EDWARD V. HILL, MORE KNOWN AS
2 REVEREND E.V. HILL, WHO PASSED AWAY TODAY. HE WAS THE PASTOR
3 OF MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY CHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** I WANT TO BE ON THAT TOO.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ADD ME ON THAT, TOO YEAH.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE HAD A NATIONAL BROADCAST. HE WAS ALSO
10 VERY ACTIVE. I BELIEVE HE SWORE IN PRESIDENT NIXON. RIGHT?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL HE WAS VERY ACTIVE, HE'S ALSO A MEMBER
15 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BILLY GRAHAM'S ASSOCIATION AND HE
16 WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND. HE WAS GIVEN THE PRAYERS AT MANY OF THE
17 INAUGURATIONS OF OUR GOVERNORS AND PRESIDENTS. BUT HE WAS A
18 FINE MAN, HAD A LOT OF LOVE, ONE OF THE FIRST REALLY ACTIVE
19 CHURCHS HELPING WITH THE FOOD AND CLOTHING PROGRAMS AND
20 HELPING THE CHILDREN, A STRONG BELIEVER IN EDUCATION, A STRONG
21 SUPPORTER OF OUR EFFORTS IN GETTING THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY
22 TO PARTICIPATE WITH FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTIONS, AND A BIG
23 SHOCK. WHEN I SAW HE WAS IN CRITICAL CONDITION I WAS -- ON
24 SATURDAY, I WAS PRAYING THAT HE WOULD OVERCOME THE PROBLEM,



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1 BUT HE WAS VERY -- HE LOVED LIFE AND HE WAS TRULY COMMITTED TO
2 THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE LORD.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, WE HAD BEEN WORKING WITH HIM MOST
5 RECENTLY IN TRYING TO DEVELOP A HOUSING PROGRAM, AND HE HAS A
6 VERY UNIQUE PROGRAM THAT HE HAS BEEN -- HAS INSTITUTED. HE'S
7 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NADINE, AND TWO ADULT CHILDREN, A SON,
8 EDWARD HILL, AND A DAUGHTER. AND WE WILL ADVISE EVERYONE --

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN IS THE FUNERAL?

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL ACTUALLY HE JUST PASSED AWAY TODAY,
13 BECAUSE I KNOW I TALKED TO HIS WIFE LAST NIGHT AND THAT TIME,
14 AND, YOU KNOW, THIS IS JUST RECENT THAT HE PASSED AWAY, AND I
15 DON'T THINK THAT SHE'S MADE THE ARRANGEMENTS YET. BUT WE WILL
16 ADVISE EVERYONE AS WE GET THE ARRANGEMENTS. MRS. JIMMY MAE
17 DUNN, WHO PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 7TH. DURING HER LIFETIME, MRS.
18 DUNN WAS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE FLORENCE FIRESTONE FINE
19 NUTRITION PROGRAM UNTIL HER HEALTH FAILED. SHE WAS A DEVOTED
20 SISTER, GRANDMOTHER, AND GREAT-GRANDMOTHER AND IS SURVIVED BY
21 HER GRANDSON MANUEL JONES AND TWO SISTERS DORIS WINBUSH AND
22 GUSSIE SMITH, AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, DOMINIC JAMAL JONES
23 AND TAPIANA JONES. AND DR. RONALD JAY HUDSON, WHO PASSED AWAY
24 ON FEBRUARY 11TH. RONALD HAD A LOVE OF ACADEMICS WHICH
25 ATTRACTED HIM TO A CAREER OF TEACHING AND COUNSELING IN



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1 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND SOUTHERN
2 CALIFORNIA, AND GEORGIA OVER A PERIOD OF SOME 30 YEARS. HE WAS
3 ACTIVE ON NUMEROUS COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND PUBLISHED A
4 NUMBER OF THOUGHT-PROVOKING ARTICLES THAT FOCUSED ON THE
5 CHALLENGES FACED BY BLACK STUDENTS IN ALL LEVELS OF AMERICAN
6 EDUCATION. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY TWO CHILDREN
7 RASHITA MARIE AND RONALD JAY THE SECOND, AND GRANDDAUGHTER
8 YVONNE, MOTHER IRLENE JOHNSON, BROTHER ARNOLD AND LARRY,
9 SISTER YVONNE AND NUMEROUS NIECES, NEPHEWS, AND A HOST OF
10 RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. AND MATTHEW F. JOHNSON, A LONG TIME
11 RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT WHO IS SURVIVED BY HIS
12 PARENTS, CHARLES AND ORVILLE JOHNSON OF ROSEWOOD, CALIFORNIA.
13 AND KASHMIR LAWRENCE PAUL, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND
14 DISTRICT. MR. PAUL HAD A 37-YEAR CAREER WITH THE LOS ANGELES
15 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. HIS WISDOM, CONCERN, AND
16 PROFESSIONALISM INSPIRED HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS. KASHMIR WAS A
17 PROUD AND SUPPORTIVE HUSBAND, FATHER, AND PASTOR, AND
18 EXEMPLARY ROLE MODEL FOR ALL PEOPLE. SO ORDERED. I DON'T THINK
19 I HAVE ANYTHING ELSE.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNING
22 MOTIONS. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF FRED
23 PLOTKIN WHO'S A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT AND THE
24 FATHER OF LAURA PLOTKIN, WHO WORKS FOR SENATOR KUEHL. SHE'S
25 SURVIVED BY LAURA AND HER HUSBAND CHARLES PLOTKIN. I ASK THAT



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1 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LUIS GUTIERREZ, THE UNCLE OF SHIRLEY
2 JUAREZ ON MY STAFF. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANCIS
3 O. DIGS, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN BOTH
4 LOS ANGELES AND THE SAN FRANCISCO AREAS, SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
5 HUSBAND, JOE DIGS. AND ASK THAT WE ALSO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
6 OF INCARNACION BELLA DE LA SANTOS, WHO IS THE MOTHER OF
7 VIRGINIA KARMA, A SECRETARY IN OUR OFFICE WHO COLLAPSED THIS
8 MORNING AND PASSED AWAY VERY SUDDENLY AND WE'RE ALL VERY
9 SADDENED IN OUR OFFICE ABOUT THAT. AND THAT'S -- THOSE ARE MY
10 ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A MOTION I'D LIKE TO READ. ON
15 DECEMBER 10TH, 2002, THE BOARD ASKED THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER,
16 OR THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WHETHER COUNTY AGENCIES
17 WERE BILLING THE E.I.D.C. THE AUDITOR'S FEBRUARY 6TH RESPONSE
18 WAS "NO," NONE OF THE 14 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN FILM
19 PERMITTING INVOICED THE E.I.D.C. FOR FEES COLLECTED ON THEIR
20 BEHALF NOR HAS ANY DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES TO TRACK
21 FILMING ACTIVITY AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE. THE AUDITOR'S REPORT
22 CONCLUDES THAT, QUOTE, "AS A RESULT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
23 RELY ON THE E.I.D.C. TO REMIT THE CORRECT AMOUNT BASED ON
24 E.I.D.C.'S INTERNAL ACCOUNTING OF USE FEES AND OTHER CHARGES,"
25 UNQUOTE. THIS PROBLEM IS MAGNIFIED BY THE RECENT DISCOVERY



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1 THAT THE E.I.D.C. DOES NOT DO THIS EITHER. THROUGH ITS
2 INDEPENDENT AUDIT, K.P.M.G. BELIEVES THAT E.I.D.C. HAD NO
3 SYSTEM IN PLACE TO RELIABLY TRACK FEES AND OTHER CHARGES DUE
4 TO THE COUNTY, AND ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN
5 \$400,000 FROM THE E.I.D.C. THROUGH SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR, IT
6 IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE COUNTY RECEIVED ALL THE
7 MONEY DUE IT -- DUE TO IT. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
8 ADOPT THE AUDITOR'S FEBRUARY 6TH 2003 RECOMMENDATIONS TO
9 DIRECT EACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO PROPERLY TRACK AND ACCOUNT
10 FOR FILMING REVENUE AND CORRECT FILMING-RELATED USE FEES
11 THROUGH THE E.I.D.C. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD REQUEST THE
12 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE E.I.D.C. TO ADOPT THE AUDITOR'S
13 FEBRUARY 6TH 2003 RECOMMENDATIONS TO REMIT USE FEES DUE TO THE
14 COUNTY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COLLECTION AND REQUIRE THE E.I.D.C.'S
15 AUDITORS AS PART OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT TO INCORPORATE INTO THEIR
16 TEST WORK A REPORT ON THE AGREED UPON PROCEDURES TO VERIFY
17 THAT ALL FUNDS DUE THE COUNTY HAVE BEEN PAID. AND THAT'S FOR I
18 GUESS FOR NEXT WEEK. AND I KIND OF GET THE FEELING LIKE A
19 BEANBAG BEING BOUNCED BACK AND FORTH ON THIS E.I.D.C. THING SO
20 I DON'T KNOW, BUT ANYWAY, WE'LL DEAL WITH THIS NEXT WEEK.
21 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THAT'S ALL -- I DON'T THINK I WAS
22 HOLDING ANYTHING. YEAH, I THINK WE CONTINUED 15-C FOR A WEEK
23 YEAH. OKAY. THAT'S IT, THANK YOU.
24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU KNOW, AS WE GO INTO CLOSED
2 SESSION, COULD I ASK FOR A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL ON
3 POTENTIAL LITIGATION WITH ANY OF OUR CONCESSIONAIRES?

4

5 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** ARE YOU ASKING ABOUT THAT FOR NEXT WEEK?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S COME UP
8 IN THE LAST DAY AS FAR AS I KNOW, AND I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE
9 THAT IT BE CONSIDERED AS AN EMERGENCY.

10

11 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** SURE, IF THERE'S BEEN A THREAT OF LITIGATION
12 OR SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO KNOW IF SOME OF OUR PROVISIONS
15 WITH OUR CONCESSIONAIRES HAVE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF
16 OPERATION.

17

18 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** OKAY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OR EXACTLY WHAT IS CONSIDERED AN ACT OF GOD
21 OR WHATEVER, THAT THEY WOULD NOT OPERATE.

22

23 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** OKAY.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GROWTH?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I KNOW I WANT TO KNOW IF WE HAVE A
3 VIOLATION WITHIN ONE OF OUR CONCESSIONAIRES, WHAT KIND OF
4 REDRESS WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO US. AND AS A LEGAL MATTER, I'D
5 LIKE TO KNOW IF WE HAVE -- IF THE PROPER THING FOR US TO DO IS
6 INSTITUTE LEGAL ACTION OR WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. AND I'D LIKE TO
7 DISCUSS IT.

8

9 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** OKAY YOU APPARENTLY, MADAM CHAIR, HAVE BECOME
10 AWARE OF --

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT TO DO IT BEFORE OR AFTER LUNCH?
13 [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK THAT WE CAN FIGURE THAT OUT
16 LATER. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THEY FOUND SOMETHING AS BIG AS
19 A COW DOWN THERE BUT I'M NOT SURE.

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21 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'VE BECOME AWARE OF
22 SOMETHING, MADAM CHAIR THAT IS --

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT JUST CAME TO MY ATTENTION. I DON'T KNOW
25 WHETHER EVERYONE ELSE HAD KNEW ABOUT IT, BUT I JUST RECEIVED



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1 INFORMATION THAT ONE OF OUR CONCESSIONAIRES HAS CEASED
2 OPERATING AND THAT THEY CEASED OPERATING AT THE DIRECTION OF
3 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF OUR PROPER
4 REMEDY IS THAT IF WE FILE A LAWSUIT OR HOW WE HAVE TO DO THAT,
5 IF WE TERMINATE OR WHAT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE.

6

7 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** OKAY. SO IF THE BOARD IS -- I'M TAKING IT THE
8 BOARD IS CONCURRED IN THAT DETERMINATION, WE'LL BE ABLE TO
9 HANDLE THAT TODAY.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO US HAVING A
12 REPORT IN TERMS OF OUR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS? DO YOU OBJECT?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE].

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE].

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE THE OPINION
21 RIGHT THIS MINUTE, BUT I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT IF THE OPINION IS
22 THAT IF WE CAN HAVE A REPORT ON LEGAL --

23



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1 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** OH, YES. I THINK YOU JUST MADE A
2 DETERMINATION THAT IT IS PRESSING, WE'LL ADD IT TO THE AGENDA
3 FOR THE CLOSED SESSION.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE THE REPORT, I'D LIKE THE REPORT ON
6 WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD FILE A LAWSUIT.

7

8 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** OKAY.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF THERE'S NOTHING FURTHER, PUBLIC COMMENT.
11 WHAT'S IT? PHELENCIA, PHELENCIA A. WHITE, VELMA KIDD, KIM
12 YARBROUGH.

13

14 **PHELENCIA WHITE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
15 THE BOARD. MY NAME IS PHELENCIA WHITE. I'M THE EXECUTIVE
16 DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR HOMEOWNER EDUCATION AND
17 AWARENESS, INCORPORATED. THE INSTITUTE IS A 501 C 3 FACE
18 BASED, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION FOUNDED IN
19 1996, AFTER MY SPIRITUAL MOTHER WITNESSED THE LOSS OF HER
20 PROPERTY OF 23 YEARS TO A FORECLOSURE BACK IN 1990. ITS
21 PURPOSE SINCE THAT TIME IS TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND FINANCIAL
22 LITERACY EDUCATION TO LOW-TO-MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND
23 FAMILIES WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS WE BEGAN TO STUDY THE
24 SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THE HOUSING INDUSTRY, WE FOUND IT TO
25 BE INUNDATED WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS



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1 OFFERING FIRST-TIME BUYER EDUCATION. ALL OF THESE SERVICES ARE
2 INVALUABLE. WE FOUND MANY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS REMAIN
3 UNDELIVERED BEYOND THE CLOSE OF ESCROW TO HELP PEOPLE MAINTAIN
4 AND RETAIN THEIR PIECE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM. IN 1998,
5 RECOGNIZING THIS UNMET NEED, I HERE DIRECTED ITS FOCUS TOWARD
6 WORKING WITH HOMEOWNERS WHO WERE THREATENED WITH FORECLOSURE.
7 IRONICALLY, MANY HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES WITH ORIGINAL
8 DELINQUENCIES AS MINIMAL AS \$3,000. CONTRARY TO WHAT HAS BEEN
9 ALLEGED OVER THE YEARS, A HOMELESS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY
10 ONE WHO LACKS THE DESIRE TO WORK OR, AS SOME STEREOTYPES WOULD
11 LIKE TO SUGGEST, SOMEONE THAT JUST HAS HOLES IN THEIR CLOTHES
12 OR LACKS AMBITION, DIRTY, UNKEMPT, ALL OF THAT HOLDS SOME
13 SURPRISING UNTRUTHS. HOMELESSNESS HAS MANY FACES. IT LOOKS
14 LIKE ME. AT THE ONSET, FINANCIAL DISPARITY DOES NOT ALTER
15 ONE'S OUTWARD APPEARANCE. THAT USUALLY HAPPENS OVER A PERIOD
16 OF TIME WHEN ONE'S NEEDS ARE CONTINUALLY UNMET. THIS BELIEF
17 HAS ALLOWED MANY TO LOOK DOWN UPON OTHERS AS IF TO BELIEVE
18 THAT IT COULD NOT HAPPEN TO THEM PERSONALLY OR TO SOMEONE WHOM
19 THEY FEEL ANY EMOTIONAL CONNECTION. BUT IN REALITY, IT'S
20 HAPPENING TO -- EVERYWHERE. A HOMEOWNER CAN BE A HOMELESS
21 PERSON OVERNIGHT. THE FORECLOSURE OF REAL PROPERTY, ESPECIALLY
22 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IS A VERY LUCRATIVE BUSINESS. HOWEVER,
23 HELPING HOMEOWNERS TO KEEP THEIR HOMES TRADITIONALLY IS NOT.
24 BEYOND THE CLOSE OF ESCROW, HOMEOWNERS LOSE THE FACE-TO-FACE
25 INTERACTION THAT THEY HAD BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO WHEN BUYING



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1 THEIR PROPERTY. THE INSTITUTE FOR HOMEOWNER EDUCATION AND
2 AWARENESS, INC. HAS DEVELOPED THE HOMEOWNER EMERGENCY LIFE
3 LINE PROGRAM WITH A COMMITMENT TOWARD CARING AND A FOCUS
4 TOWARD EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ON A MORE PERSONALIZED BASIS.
5 UNDER THE PROGRAM, WE UTILIZE BOTH OUTREACH AND MARKETING IN
6 CONJUNCTION WITH COUNSELING BY PROFESSIONALS TO ACCOMPLISH THE
7 GOAL OF EDUCATING HOMEOWNERS OF THEIR RIGHTS AND RESOURCES
8 DURING THIS PERIOD OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP. IN DOING SO, WE HELP
9 THEM TO PREPARE TO MAKE WELL-INFORMED DECISIONS AT SUCH A
10 CRITICAL TIME SO THAT THEY WILL BE PROACTIVE VERSUS REACTIVE.
11 IT'S TIME TO DEAL WITH THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM, NOT JUST THE
12 FRUIT. ONE MAJOR PROBLEM THAT HAS EXISTED WITH THE DELIVERY IS
13 THE -- THE PROGRAM DELIVERY, IS THAT WE HAVE HAD CHALLENGES
14 OBTAINING MONEY TO INCREASE THE PROGRAM VISIBILITY. THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TYPICALLY ACTS AS A REFERRAL
16 BASE RATHER THAN A SERVICE BASE. WE KNOW THAT THERE IS MONEY
17 IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE CAN CHOOSE TO WASTE IT OR WORK IT. FOR
18 WE KNOW THAT STABILIZING AND PRESERVING COMMUNITIES MUST START
19 BY PUTTING MONEY BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITIES. OUR REQUEST OF THE
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY IS THAT WE WOULD LIKE THE COUNTY
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HELP US IN OBTAINING A FACILITY TO
22 OPERATE THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND
23 OUTREACH PROGRAMS AND TO ALSO ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
24 STRATEGIC PLAN WITH MEASURED OUTCOMES TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS
25 MENTIONED IN ITEM 15-F.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WOULD
3 HOPE THAT YOU'D HAVE SOME DISCUSSION -- YOU SAY YOU'VE MET
4 WITH CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

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6 **PHELENCIA WHITE:** YES. WE'VE USED THEIR SERVICES. WE TRY. THE
7 BEST WAY TO SEE A SYSTEM IS BROKEN IS TO TRY TO USE IT, AND SO
8 WE TRIED.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND ALSO, C.D.C., I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU
11 CONTINUE TO INTERFACE WITH THEM, IN OUR OFFICE, JULIA AROSCO,
12 IF YOU'LL --

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14 **PHELENCIA WHITE:** I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T CATCH THAT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JULIA AROSCO IN OUR OFFICE IF YOU WILL
17 CONTACT HER, BECAUSE WE HAVE A REAL INTEREST IN THAT TOO.

18

19 **VELMA KIDD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR, WHICH IS MY DISTRICT, MRS.
20 BURKE, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I AM ONE OF THOSE
21 HOMELESS PEOPLES. I OWNED THE PROPERTY FOR THE LAST 35 YEARS
22 AND MADE A LOAN IN '92 AND THEY ASSUMED THE LOAN IN CARSON AND
23 THEN THEY PROCESSED THE LOAN OUT TO TEXAS AND THEY COME BACK
24 AND ASSUMED OF OUR PROPERTY. WE WAS ALL PAID UP, NO BACK
25 PAYMENTS, ALL TAX PAID, HAD INSURANCE. THEY SET UP A LIE



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1 AGAINST US THAT WE WAS 7 MONTHS BEHIND WITH OUR PAYMENTS, SAID
2 THAT WE HADN'T PAID TAX FOR SIX YEARS. THERE AIN'T NO WAY
3 YOU'RE GOING TO STAY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITHOUT PAYING
4 TAX FOR SIX YEARS. THEY SAID WE HAD NO INSURANCE. WE HAD ALL
5 OF THOSE THINGS BUT THEY STILL ASSUMED OF OUR PROPERTY.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONSUMER AFFAIRS WILL -- SOMEONE FROM
8 CONSUMER AFFAIRS WILL SPEAK WITH YOU. CAN WE GET -- DO YOU
9 KNOW WHERE THEY'RE LOCATED?

10

11 **VELMA KIDD:** CONSUMER AFFAIRS?

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UH-HUH. WOULD SOMEONE FROM OUR OFFICE HELP
14 HER GO AND MEET WITH SOMEONE FROM CONSUMER AFFAIRS?

15

16 **VELMA KIDD:** OKAY. I THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YES?

19

20 **KIM YARBROUGH:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME
21 IS KIM YARBROUGH, AND I AM AN ARCHITECTURAL STUDENT AT CITRUS
22 COLLEGE, AND, EXCUSE ME, OUR ARCHITECTURAL CLASS IS CONCERNED
23 ABOUT THE DEMOLITION OF THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, SO I'VE COME TO
24 ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT A BILL
25 WAS PASSED TO GIVE AN 18-MILLION-DOLLAR BOND FOR REPAIRS AT



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1 THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, AND THE ARTICLES THAT I'VE READ IN THE
2 NEWSPAPER RECENTLY INDICATE THAT \$18 MILLION HAS BEEN SET
3 ASIDE FOR REPAIRING THE SHELL WHICH THEY'VE SCHEDULED FOR
4 DEMOLITION AND TO BE REBUILT. BUT IF THE \$18 MILLION WAS
5 SUPPOSED TO BE FOR ALL OF THE REPAIRS AND THE OTHER REPAIRS
6 HAVE BEEN MADE, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT HOW MUCH OF THAT 18
7 MILLION IS LEFT IF THEY DEMOLISH IT AND WANT TO REBUILD. I
8 UNDERSTAND THE COURT HAS ORDERED THAT THEY CAN'T TEAR IT DOWN
9 AND THEN ASK FOR MORE MONEY, BUT IF THERE ISN'T ANY MORE MONEY
10 AND THEY TEAR IT DOWN, THEN WE LOSE OUT. THE OTHER QUESTION WE
11 HAVE IS THE BILL SAID FOR REPAIRING AND RESTORATION, AND I
12 DON'T KNOW IF THE VOTERS WOULD HAVE VOTED FOR IT IF IT SAID
13 DEMOLITION.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. WELL, FIRST OF ALL, THE COURTS DID NOT
18 RULE THAT WE COULD NOT TEAR IT DOWN. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY
19 RULED THAT WE COULD TEAR IT DOWN.

20

21 **KIM YARBROUGH:** RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE SAME ARGUMENT THAT YOU'RE MAKING WAS
24 MADE BY THE PLAINTIFFS IN THE LAWSUIT, THAT THE VOTERS WERE
25 MISLED AND ALL THAT, WHICH IS JUST SIMPLY NOT THE CASE, AND



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1 THE TRIAL COURT AND THE APPELLATE COURT BOTH AGREED WITH THE
2 COUNTY AND THE SUPREME COURT REFUSED TO HEAR THE CASE. THERE
3 IS ENOUGH MONEY TO DO THE JOB AND MORE THAN ENOUGH MONEY TO DO
4 THE JOB, SO IT'S GOING TO BE DONE AND CONSTRUCTION WILL START
5 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS SUMMER SEASON AND WILL BE HOPEFULLY
6 COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE FOLLOWING SUMMER SEASON.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THEY WILL BE ABLE -- SOMEONE
9 FROM HIS OFFICE CAN BRING YOU UP TO DATE.

10

11 **KIM YARBROUGH:** OKAY. WE'VE WANTED TO GET A COPY OF THE BILL
12 AND THE BOND, IF POSSIBLE, BECAUSE WE'VE REDESIGNED THE SHELL
13 ITSELF AT SCHOOL TO SHOW THAT IT CAN BE MODIFIED WITHOUT
14 HAVING TO BE BULLDOZED, AND WE'VE ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
15 SOMEONE WHO'S GOING TO HELP US PUT IN A SURROUND SOUND SO THE
16 LARGE TOWERS OF SPEAKERS CAN BE REMOVED.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT SOMEONE FROM HIS OFFICE CAN KEEP
19 YOU IN TOUCH WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING. I THINK IT'S A LITTLE BIT
20 LATE NOW FOR THAT BECAUSE ALL OF THAT WAS REALLY BEFORE US
21 ABOUT TWO YEARS --

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AT LEAST TWO YEARS AGO, AND THE MEASURE WAS
24 APPROVED IN 1996. YEAH, THE C.A.O. I'M SURE COULD GET YOU A
25 COPY OF THE BOND ISSUE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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4 **KIM YARBROUGH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE ALLEN WITHROW
7 AND EDWARD JAMES SALDANA. THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE
8 REQUESTED TO SPEAK BUT THEY WERE NOT, YOU KNOW, THERE'S
9 CERTAIN RULES THAT HAVE TO BE COMPLIED WITH AND YOU CAN'T
10 PREVIOUSLY HAVE SPOKEN AND SOME OTHER THINGS, AND SO WE'RE
11 UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIRMAN I REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE
14 708 CHILDREN THAT ARE MISSING AND DECLARED MISSING IN THE
15 SYSTEM. I THINK THAT YOU PEOPLE HAVE SET UP A SHAM WHERE YOU
16 ONLY LET A PERSON SPEAK ONCE A MONTH. THAT'S NOT RIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. IT'S 90 DAYS.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I'M A NATIVE SON MA'AM, I WAS BORN IN L.A.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO WAS I. BUT, YOU KNOW, AND I APPRECIATE
23 THAT, BUT WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE FROM DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
24 FAMILY SERVICES SPEAK WITH YOU, AND ALSO I THINK THE C.A.O.'S
25 OFFICE HAS A REPRESENTATIVE WHO'LL SPEAK WITH YOU BUT --



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2 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK BEFORE THE BOARD.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, OKAY. I'M SORRY. YOU'RE OUT OF
5 ORDER. ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE THE PEOPLE I'VE
6 CALLED ON. YES. WOULD YOU PLEASE START? SIR, WILL YOU PLEASE
7 HAVE A SEAT?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. AFTER THEY FINISH, I'D LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AFTER THEY FINISH, WE ARE GOING TO GO INTO
12 CLOSED SESSION. YES? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

13

14 **ALLEN WITHROW:** MY NAME'S ALLEN WITHROW. AND I, FIRST OF ALL,
15 WOULD LIKE TO THANK THIS BOARD FOR HONORING ME IN 1997. I'VE
16 STILL GOT THE PICTURE, MR. ANTONOVICH. I KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE
17 WORTH MONEY SOME DAY. AND ZEV, I'M SORRY, I CAN'T SAY YOUR
18 NAME RIGHT, AND I'VE GOT ONE FROM YOU.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** "ZEV"'S GOOD ENOUGH.

21

22 **ALLEN WITHROW:** I'M SORRY. I WAS VOTED THE -- OR GIVEN THE
23 AWARD AS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, SOME
24 REAL NICE STUFF WAS SAID ABOUT ME, AND I'M NOT HERE TO, YOU
25 KNOW, TALK ABOUT MYSELF, BUT I'M HERE BECAUSE I WAS GIVEN THAT



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1 AWARD BECAUSE I CARE FOR CHILDREN AND I STILL CARE FOR
2 CHILDREN. UNLESS WE FORGET THAT MACLAREN CHILDREN CENTER HAS
3 CARED FOR CHILDREN ALL THESE YEARS, I WANT TO TELL YOU ONE
4 QUICK STORY AND I'LL MAKE MY POINT. THERE WERE THREE KIDS
5 BROUGHT INTO MACLAREN IN 2001, A BABY, AND 8-9-YEAR-OLD GIRL
6 AND A TEENAGE BOY. THEY HAD ALL WITNESSED THEIR MOTHER BE
7 KILLED BY THEIR FATHER AND THEIR BROTHER INSISTED ON BEING
8 PLACED WITH HIS LITTLE SISTERS. THEY COULD NOT FIND A FOSTER
9 HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT THAT COULD TAKE ALL THREE OF
10 THEM, SO THEY WERE BROUGHT TO MACLAREN, TO OUR TRI-CITY UNIT
11 WHERE MENTAL HEALTH WERE ON STAFF TO HELP CARE FOR THEM. I
12 CAME FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. I DO RECREATION AT MACLAREN
13 AND BY THE WAY, I'VE BEEN A VOLUNTEER AT MACLAREN FOR 22 YEARS
14 AS ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN AND ALSO WORKING IN THE RECREATION
15 DEPARTMENT FOR 17 YEARS. AND SO I WENT AND I -- I WAS
16 APPROACHED BY STAFF SAYING, "WE NEED MORE NURSERY TOYS," AND
17 SO I WENT INTO AN AREA WHERE WE KEEP TOYS THAT DONORS AND
18 VOLUNTEERS HAVE GIVEN TO US, AND I WAS ABLE TO COME AND, FIRST
19 OF ALL, TALK TO THE KIDS, AND I ASKED THE LITTLE GIRL, I SAID,
20 "WHAT DO YOU LIKE? WHAT DO YOU ENJOY?" AND SHE SAID, "I LIKE
21 DOLLS." AND I ASKED THE BOY AND I ASKED HER SOME OTHER THINGS
22 AND SHE GAVE ME SOME OTHER ITEMS AND I ASKED THE TEENAGER AND
23 HE WAS OBVIOUSLY TRAUMATIZED, EVERYTHING WAS MORE REAL TO HIM
24 SEEING HIS MOTHER KILLED THAT NIGHT, THE NIGHT BEFORE BY HIS
25 FATHER, AND HE WAS HESITANT BUT HE FINALLY SAID, SKATEBOARDS,



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1 I LIKE SKATEBOARDING. AND I WAS ABLE TO GO WITH ALL THIS STUFF
2 THAT WAS DONATED TO US AND BRING BAGS OF STUFF TO ALL THESE
3 KIDS, AND I KEPT THAT ONE LITTLE DOLL FOR THIS LITTLE GIRL. I
4 HAD GIVEN HER A LOT OF DOLLS, BUT THERE WAS ONE DOLL THAT WAS
5 GIVEN TO US BY ALEXUS MEDALIN FROM LOCAL 660 WHO HAS BEEN
6 GIVING TO MACLAREN FOR 23 YEARS AND SHE SAID, "ALLEN, I SPENT
7 FIVE HOURS IN LINE TO GET THIS DOLL." IT WAS THE UNGETTABLE
8 DOLL THAT YEAR AND WHEN I GAVE THAT DOLL TO THAT LITTLE GIRL,
9 HER EYES JUST LIT UP AND SHE SMILED FOR ME EAR TO EAR AND A
10 LITTLE TEAR CAME IN HER EYE, AND SHE SAID, "FOR-FOR-FOR ME?"
11 AND I WAS ABLE TO TELL THAT LITTLE GIRL THAT, YES, THIS WAS
12 GIVEN TO YOU AND I TOLD HER THE STORY AND SHE KNEW THAT SHE
13 WAS THAT SPECIAL CHILD THAT WAS TO GET THAT DOLL. AND HER
14 BROTHER, THAT TEENAGE BOY, LOOKED AT ME STRAIGHT IN THE EYE,
15 TOOK MY HAND, AND HAD TEARS COMING DOWN HIS EYE, AND LATER ON
16 THAT DAY, AND HE SAID, "THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF MY LITTLE
17 SISTERS." AND WHAT I WANT TO KNOW, IS THAT WE WERE TOLD AS
18 MACLAREN CHILDREN CENTER WORKERS, AND I KNOW WE'VE BEEN
19 TALKING DOWNSIZE BUT WE ARE NINE KIDS AWAY FROM CLOSING, AND
20 WE WERE TOLD BACK IN NOVEMBER THAT THERE WOULD BE RECEIVING
21 HOMES, QUOTE, 23-HOUR HOMES, WHATEVER THAT MEANS, THROUGHOUT
22 THE COMMUNITIES IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY READY TO
23 RECEIVE CHILDREN, AND WHAT I WANT TO KNOW, IS BASED ON THAT
24 EXPERIENCE, WHEN THREE, FOUR, OR FIVE KIDS IN A FAMILY ARE --
25 NEED TO BE PLACED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, ARE THEY GOING



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1 TO BE SPLIT UP IN LITTLE FOSTER HOMES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY?
2 ARE THEY GOING TO GET QUICK CARE AND ARE THEY GOING TO BE ABLE
3 TO BE TAKEN CARE OF. AND BEYOND THE EMERGENCY PART, WHAT ABOUT
4 THOSE JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL GUYS AND GIRLS THAT ARE
5 COMING STRAIGHT FROM A JUVENILE HALL AND NO ONE WANTS TO GO
6 PICK THEM UP? OR YOU'RE THE FOSTER -- YOU WANT TO BE A FOSTER
7 APARTMENT, CAN YOU GO PICK THEM UP FROM THE JUVENILE HALL, AND
8 WHAT ARE THEY THERE FOR? OH, THEY BEAT ON THE LAST FOSTER
9 PARENT, OR WHATEVER THEIR SITUATION WAS, OR KIDS THAT ARE
10 COMING FROM THE MENTAL HOSPITALS BECAUSE THEY TRIED TO COMMIT
11 SUICIDE OR THEY LIT SOMEBODY'S CAT ON FIRE OR MY CONCERN IS
12 THAT MACLAREN'S CHILDREN CENTER FOR 40 YEARS HAS BEEN THE ONLY
13 FACILITY IN L.A. COUNTY THAT WOULD NOT REFUSE A CHILD FOR ANY
14 REASON. AND WHERE THE GROUP HOMES AND FOSTER HOMES CAN SAY,
15 "WELL I'M SORRY, WE CAN'T TAKE THAT KID, LOOK AT HIS FILE,
16 HE'S BEEN TO 20 GROUP HOMES AND FOSTER HOMES," AND I KNOW
17 MACLAREN HAS BEEN CALLED A DUMPING GROUND, AND I MIGHT BE CO-
18 SIGNING THAT RIGHT NOW, SAY YEAH SEE ALL THESE KIDS THAT NO-
19 ONE WILL SEE BUT CONTRARY TO BEING A DUMPING GROUND, WE ARE A
20 FACILITY WHERE WE ARE STAFFED WITH TEACHERS AND NURSES AND
21 DOCTORS AND PEOPLE THAT CARE, AND LIKE MYSELF, I'VE BEEN A
22 VOLUNTEER AND CONTINUE TO BE A VOLUNTEER FOR 22 YEARS.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. -- SIR, AND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS
25 SOMETHING OF GREAT CONCERN TO ALL OF US. HOWEVER, A PLAN WAS



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1 PUT TOGETHER FOR ADDRESSING THAT VERY PROBLEM. THAT'S WHY
2 THERE ARE ONLY EIGHT CHILDREN THERE. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE
3 C.A.O.'S OFFICE WILL SHARE WITH YOU THE PRESENT PLAN OF HOW
4 THOSE CHILDREN WILL BE PLACED AND WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE, IF
5 YOU'LL STEP OVER HERE --

6

7 **ALLEN WITHROW:** EXCUSE ME MADAM CHAIR, CAN I HAVE LIKE -- CAN I
8 HAVE JUST A COUPLE MORE SECONDS?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** A COUPLE OF SECONDS, BUT YOUR TIME --

11

12 **ALLEN WITHROW:** YEAH I KNOW 'CAUSE I'M GOOD AT TALKING, BUT
13 WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS THAT IT'S ALL HYPOTHETICAL --

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, IT'S NOT HYPOTHETICAL. IT'S ALREADY
16 WORKING. THAT'S WHY THERE ARE ONLY EIGHT CHILDREN THERE. WE'LL
17 HAVE SOMEONE EXPLAIN TO YOU IN DETAIL HOW IT'S WORKING, AND IF
18 YOU'LL STEP RIGHT OVER THERE, THEY'LL GO THROUGH IT, THEY WILL
19 GO THROUGH IT AND SHARE WITH YOU WHAT THE PLAN IS. THEY'LL GO
20 THROUGH AND SHARE IT WITH YOU.

21

22 **ALLEN WITHROW:** I WON'T BE OBNOXIOUS. I JUST CARE ABOUT THE
23 KIDS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S NOT HYPOTHETICAL, IT'S DOWN ON PAPER,
2 IT'S IN OPERATION. YES, SIR, MR. SALDANA.

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4 **EDWARD JAMES SALDANA:** MY NAME IS EDWARD JAMES SALDANA, AND I'M
5 CURRENTLY WORKING AT MACLAREN'S CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR THE LAST
6 23 YEARS, AND MY JOB TITLE IS CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER III.
7 I'M ALSO A FATHER OF SEVEN KIDS, I HAVE FOUR SONS AND THREE
8 DAUGHTERS. AND I CAME TO THIS PROFESSION WORKING WITH KIDS
9 BECAUSE I TRULY CARE FOR KIDS, I LOVE KIDS AND I STICKED
10 AROUND FOR THE LAST 23 YEARS. THERE ARE NINE CHILDREN AT
11 MACLAREN, AS YOU KNOW, TODAY. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO, I'D LIKE TO
12 ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE L.A. COUNTY MISSING CHILDREN. AS
13 YOU'RE AWARE OF THIS REPORT, THERE ARE OVER 700 CHILDREN
14 MISSING WHO EITHER RAN AWAY OR THEY'RE A.W.O.L. FROM THE
15 PLACEMENT FOSTER HOMES. SEE THE CLOSURE OF MACLAREN, ON THE
16 NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 2002, THERE ARE 64 MACLAREN CHILDREN WHO ARE
17 MISSING. THOSE CHILDREN LEFT MACLAREN FOR PLACEMENTS OF FOSTER
18 HOMES WHICH THEY RAN AWAY FOR MULTIPLE PURPOSE. WE ARE AWARE
19 OF WHAT PROBLEMS WE WORK WITH OUR CHILDREN, THE MOST DIFFICULT
20 CHILDREN OF L.A. COUNTY. MANY OF OUR CHILDREN CALL MACLAREN A
21 HOME AND FOR MANY CASES, IT'S THE ONLY HOME THEY HAVE.
22 MACLAREN HAS SERVED A PURPOSE OVER THE LAST 40 YEARS. IT'S
23 BEEN KNOWN AS SAFETY NET FOR THE CHILDREN. WHEN THEY CLOSE
24 MACLAREN HOME, WHEN THEY CLOSE MACLAREN CHILDREN'S CENTER,
25 THERE IS GOING TO BE NO PLACE FOR THEM AVAILABLE, AND THERE'S



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1 GOING TO BE NO SAFETY NET FOR THEM. THE DEPARTMENT OF C.A.O.
2 AND OTHER STAKE HOLDERS HAVE DONE LITTLE OR NOTHING TO LOCATE
3 THEM. THE PROBLEM THAT MACLAREN ARE FACING SHOULD BE BLAMED AT
4 THE STAKE HOLDERS, NOT THE MACLAREN STAFF, BECAUSE MACLAREN
5 STAFF ARE THE SCAPEGOATS. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO ALL THE STAKE
6 HOLDERS, SHAME, SHAME, SHAME ON THEM. MISS KELLY MENTIONED THE
7 PERMANENCY HOMES, THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERMANENCY TEAMS 23-HOUR
8 RECEPTION CENTER AND EXPANSION OF FAMILY GROUP DECISION AND
9 THE WRAP-AROUND SERVICE. THE VISION FOR THE PERMANENCY HOMES
10 IS VERY CLEAR TO ALL OF US. THE VISION FOR THE PERMANENCY
11 HOMES BECAME A MIRAGE. OUR CHILDREN ARE ROAMING ON THE STREET,
12 MISSING FORMER MACLAREN KIDS, OUR CHILDREN ARE BOUNCING FROM
13 ONE HOME TO ANOTHER HOME. WE HAVE KIDS WHO HAVE SLEEP AT THE
14 MOTELS, COUNTY BUILDINGS, THE COMMAND POST, BECAUSE MACLAREN
15 IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THEM. MY QUESTION TO THE BOARD MEMBERS,
16 WHAT PLAN DO YOU HAVE DEVELOPED TO MONITOR AND PROVIDE
17 OVERSIGHT SYSTEM, TO ENSURE IT DOES NOT RESULT IN UNNECESSARY
18 AND UNDESIRABLE MULTIPLE PLACEMENT. SO MY CONCLUSION IS THAT
19 THERE ARE AT LEAST 50 MACLAREN STAFF WHO ARE FACING DEMOTION,
20 PAY CUTS UP TO \$900. THOSE ARE THE EMPLOYEES THAT WERE
21 DEDICATED, COMMITTED, AND LOYAL TO THE MACLAREN CHILDREN. WHY
22 DON'T WE CUT FROM THE TOP, BEGINNING WITH THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS AND THE MANAGERS WHO ARE MAKING OVER A HUNDRED
24 THOUSAND A YEAR? INSTEAD OF PICKING ON THE LITTLE GUY WHO ARE
25 BARELY MAKING IT FOR THEIR MEANS? LET'S BE PART OF THE



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1 SOLUTION. LET'S NOT BE PART OF THE PROBLEM. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR? I CAN'T LEAVE THESE KIND OF COMMENTS
7 JUST OUT THERE. I THINK THEY'RE VERY INFLAMMATORY, CONSIDERING
8 THE KIND OF WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE. THERE ARE TWO ISSUES
9 HERE. THERE'S THE ISSUE OF THE CARE OF THE CHILDREN, WHICH IS
10 PROBABLY FOREMOST AND PRIMARY IN OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THESE
11 CHILDREN ARE OUR WARDS. THE SECOND ISSUE IS THE ISSUE OF
12 MACLAREN AND WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO EMPLOYEES. THERE'S A
13 LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE CROSSING THE LINE AND SAYING BECAUSE
14 EMPLOYEES ARE NOT BEING ABLE TO GET JOBS OR TRANSITION INTO
15 JOBS, THAT WE NEED TO KEEP A PLACE THAT DOESN'T FUNCTION IN
16 THE BEST INTEREST OF CHILDREN OPEN, AND YOU'RE MISTAKEN.
17 YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY MISTAKEN. THE KIND OF WORK THAT MISS KELLY
18 HAS UNDERTAKEN AND THE ISSUES OF PERMANENCE AND THE ISSUES OF
19 PLACEMENTS AND THE ISSUES OF ACCOUNTABILITY, IS WITH THIS
20 BOARD SHOULD BE APPLAUDING EVERY SINGLE DAY. WE DO NOT NEED A
21 TEMPORARY FACILITY THAT BECOMES A PERMANENT FACILITY FOR
22 CHILDREN. WE LOOKED AT THE FILES, WE LOOKED AT ALL THAT WAS
23 GOING ON THERE. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT WELL OVER 500 PEOPLE
24 WORK THERE, BUT WHETHER THEY WERE ASSISTING AND BENEFITING
25 CHILDREN IS QUESTIONABLE. A CHILD NEEDS A PERMANENT PLACEMENT,



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1 A PLACEMENT IN WHICH A CHILD CAN RELATE TO, CAN RELY ON, AND
2 HAS THE KIND OF SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THEM. SOMETIME IT MIGHT
3 BE IN A GROUP HOME, AND A GROUP HOME HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO
4 PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. IN OTHER INSTANCES, IT MAY BE WITH A
5 RELATIVE, A RELATIVE WHO NEEDS SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN ORDER TO
6 MAINTAIN THAT CHILD. BUT ONE THING IS CLEAR: MACLAREN HAS BEEN
7 A DUMPING GROUND, AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT
8 HAVE A THOUGHTFUL PLANNING PROCESS FOR EVERY SINGLE CHILD.
9 GRANTED, THERE ARE CHILDREN WHO RUN AWAY FROM OUR SYSTEM, BUT
10 WE ARE MONITORING WHAT IS GOING ON, WHERE THESE CHILDREN ARE
11 BEING PLACED, HOW THEY'RE BEING PLACED, THE LEVEL OF SERVICES
12 THAT THEY ARE RECEIVING. SO PEOPLE WHO ACCUSE THIS BOARD OR
13 ACCUSE THE DEPARTMENT OF NOT TAKING CARE OF THESE CHILDREN ARE
14 INCORRECT. THESE PLACEMENTS ARE THE BEST PLACEMENTS THAT WE
15 CAN FIND AT OUR TIME AND WE ARE PROVIDING THE SUPPORTIVE
16 SERVICES. NOW, GRANTED, WE CAN'T BUY EVERYTHING THE
17 BUREAUCRACY TELLS US, AND I'M NOT WILLING TO DO IT. THAT'S WHY
18 THIS BOARD HAS UNDERTAKEN OUR OWN TRACKING SYSTEM TO FOLLOW UP
19 ON THESE CHILDREN, BUT TO SAY THAT WE NEED TO MAINTAIN AND
20 KEEP MACLAREN OPEN I THINK WHEN, IN FACT, WE SHOULD HAVE A
21 PLANNING PROCESS FOR EVERY SINGLE CHILD IS A WAY IT SHOULD BE.
22 I THINK IT'S WELL OVER 15 YEARS AGO THAT WE DECIDED -- OR NOT
23 WE, I WASN'T HERE AT THE TIME, AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE,
24 THIS BOARD DECIDED NOT TO HAVE BABIES AT MACLAREN, A TIME
25 THERE USED TO BE A NURSERY WITH AS MANY AS 17 BABIES, AND THEY



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1 SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THERE. THEY SHOULD BE IN PLACEMENTS AT ALL
2 TIMES. AND WE MADE ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT BABIES WERE NO LONGER
3 TO BE DROPPED OFF AT MACLAREN. THAT HAS WORKED AND FUNCTIONED,
4 AND SINCE THEN, WE HAVE NOT SEEN BABIES. THERE'S ALWAYS A
5 PLACEMENT FOR THOSE CHILDREN. SO WE NEED TO DO THE SAME THING.
6 EVERY SINGLE CHILD SHOULD BE TREATED JUST AS A BABY. MACLAREN
7 IS NOT THE PLACE FOR THESE CHILDREN. EVERY SINGLE SOCIAL
8 WORKER, JUVENILE HALL, EVERY JUDGE, EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US
9 SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT WE FIND A PROPER PLACEMENT FOR THAT
10 CHILD. GRANTED, THEY'RE GOING TO BE MOVING AROUND FROM TIME TO
11 TIME, BECAUSE SOMETIMES THE PLACEMENTS NEED TO BE ADJUSTED,
12 BUT I THINK WE CAN'T CONFUSE THE TWO ISSUES. AS FAR AS THE
13 EMPLOYEES ARE CONCERNED, WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING, INCLUDING
14 PUTTING PEOPLE AND LETTING PEOPLE STAY IN PLACE UNTIL WE HAVE
15 FOUND THE PROPER TRANSITION FOR THEM. WE'VE UNDERTAKEN
16 UNBELIEVABLE, AND WE'VE PLACED OVER 90% OF ALL THOSE
17 EMPLOYEES. THERE ARE SOME INSTANCES IN WHERE THE PLACEMENT IS
18 JUST NOT WORKING, BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD CONFUSE THE TWO
19 ISSUES.

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21 **EDWARD JAMES SALDANA:** I HEAR YOUR COMMENTS AND I RESPECT YOUR
22 COMMENTS, I'D LIKE TO MAKE ONE MORE COMMENT BEFORE MY TIME
23 EXPIRED. OKAY. LAST NIGHT, WE HAVE A 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL AT
24 MACLAREN. SHE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AND SHE CUT ALL HER WRISTS.
25 SHE STATED TO MENTAL HEALTH AND THE PSYCHOLOGISTS AND



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1 PSYCHIATRISTS THAT THE REASON SHE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE, BECAUSE
2 SHE WAS AFRAID TO LEAVE MACLAREN AND SHE DIDN'T HAVE -- SHE
3 SAID, "WELL, I'M NOT GOING MAKE IT OUT THERE. I HAVE TOO MANY
4 PROBLEMS. MACLAREN IS NOT GOING TO BE AVAILABLE FOR ME WHEN
5 MACLAREN CLOSE DOWN." THIS IS WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT SIR, YOU UNDERSTAND CLEARLY THAT A CHILD WHO
8 IS ATTEMPTING SUICIDE BECAUSE SHE'S FRIGHTENED OF LEAVING
9 MACLAREN DOESN'T MAKE MACLAREN THE PROPER PLACEMENT FOR HER.
10 THIS CHILD NEEDS THERAPY AND NEEDS HELP, AND WE NEED TO FIND
11 THE APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT FOR THIS CHILD.

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13 **EDWARD JAMES SALDANA:** I HEAR YOUR COMMENTS, BUT AT THIS TIME,
14 WE -- I MEAN, IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE GOOD LOVING, CARING HOMES
15 FOR THOSE KIDS. I MEAN EVERYBODY WANTS THE BEST FOR THOSE
16 KIDS, BUT AT THIS TIME, THOSE HOMES DON'T EXIST.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, SIR, THERE IS AN ATTEMPT,
19 AND I THINK THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED HOMES, AND SOME OF THE HOMES
20 THAT DIDN'T TAKE CHILDREN BEFORE, WE'VE ALSO PROVIDED PLACES
21 THAT TAKE CARE OF SOME OF THEIR MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND IF
22 THEY'RE DULY DIAGNOSED OR WHATEVER THEIR PROBLEMS ARE. I
23 APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN AND I'M SURE THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA
24 AND THE PEOPLE IN HER OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU
25 AND ADVISE YOU OF HOW THINGS ARE MOVING FORWARD, AS WELL AS



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1 THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE WHO'S HAD RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVISING AND
2 SETTING UP A PROCESS WHERE CHILDREN CAN BE MOVED FROM MACLAREN
3 INTO THE APPROPRIATE KIND OF FACILITY WHERE THEY CAN GET THE
4 KIND OF CARE THAT THEY NEED. NOW THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE
5 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY? THANK YOU.

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7 **EDWARD JAMES SALDANA:** CAN I HAVE ONE MORE COMMENT?

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT YOUR TIME REALLY HAS EXPIRED.

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11 **EDWARD JAMES SALDANA:** JUST ONE MORE COMMENT, PLEASE.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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15 **EDWARD JAMES SALDANA:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT THE SECRETARY, WE'RE NOW
18 ADJOURNING INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
21 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-
23 1, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE VALUATIONS;
24 ITEM CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
25 LITIGATION, AND ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL



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1 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS
2 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. IN ADDITION THE BOARD MADE A
3 FINDING TO TAKE ACTION SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA
4 TO DISCUSS WITH LEGAL COUNSEL INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE
5 CASE, PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION C OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
6 54956.9. THANK YOU.

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1 NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,
2 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2003:
3 There is no reportable action from today's closed session.
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